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The City of West Des Moines' premier communication sent to over 31,000 homes and businesses throughout the City.

The WDM Magazine is published three times per year to highlight city news and information as well as community events and programming available through WDM Parks & Recreation, the WDM Library, and WDM Human Services.



## Eye On West Des Moines Photo Contest

The City of West Des Moines is partnering with WDM Magazine to sponsor the Eye on West Des Moines Photo Contest. Submissions for the 2016 contest are accepted anytime through Friday, June 10 at 4:00pm. Entries must be electronically submitted to [parkrec@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:parkrec@wdm.iowa.gov).

- Grand Prize/Overall Winner: **\$100** and featured on the cover of a future edition of WDM Magazine.
- Category Winners: **\$50**

All submissions must be received by **June 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**

Photographs must be entered in one of five categories that represent life in the City of West Des Moines:

- Living – Activities/Events
- Living – Plants/Wildlife
- Seasons in WDM
- Raising Families
- Doing Business

For more information please contact Mark Brewick at **222-3441** or [Mark.Brewick@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:Mark.Brewick@wdm.iowa.gov)

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In my column last fall, I wrote about how city leaders and the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce were working with futurist Rebecca Ryan to develop a 20-year plan for West Des Moines called WDM 2036.

To achieve our shared vision of ensuring that West Des Moines is one of the most vibrant suburban cities in North America, a team of public and private sector leaders participated in a lengthy process that developed six strategies to ensure continued prosperity for our city. I want to summarize those strategies so you'll understand how we're going to make WDM 2036 come to life.

Our first two strategies are fundamental if we're going to be future ready. Strategy #1 calls for top government, education and business leaders to work together on community priorities. In the weeks ahead, I'll be appointing a Leadership Advisory Board to open up the channels of communication, build trust and help us understand each other's issues and concerns. Strong relationships will allow us to be more prepared to effectively respond to opportunities or crises.

The second strategy calls for us to pursue new revenue sources and public/private partnerships to keep our city financially strong and take much of the financial burden off commercial and residential property taxes. (Last year, the City Council reduced the property tax rate for the first time in 27 years.) Although West Des Moines is fortunate to be the only municipality in Iowa with the top financial rating from Moody's and Standard & Poor (AAA), we want to make sure we continue to have enough revenue to manage our community's growth and maintain the city's high quality-of-life opportunities.

The next two strategies raise the bar. Strategy #3 calls for us to create a Quality of Life Council to make sure we're attracting and retaining great companies, talent and families. Fortunately,

## THE MAYOR'S COLUMN

quality of life can be measured, and this group will help us examine projects that will make West Des Moines more livable and desirable for all age groups.

Strategy #4 involves making our city a climate resilient and sustainable community. The next generation knows they are inheriting a more unpredictable environment, so they want to live in cities that help protect the environment.

The final two strategies are game changers for West Des Moines. Strategy #5 asks us to investigate a public/private partnership to make high speed Internet available to everyone in West Des Moines, regardless of income. Many believe future-ready cities will offer Internet access in the same way they offer public utilities like water and energy.



Strategy #6 involves making West Des Moines home to the world's best workforce. Today, talented digital employees can work anytime, anyplace. By focusing on becoming a great place to live and tailoring our economic development strategy to attract and retain workers with the most in-demand skills, we can

ensure that West Des Moines is one of the most prosperous cities in North America.

So there you have it. Our WDM 2036 plan contains bold ideas to make sure our city stays vibrant and future ready. I encourage you to read the entire plan by visiting our website at [www.wdm.iowa.gov/WDM2036](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/WDM2036).

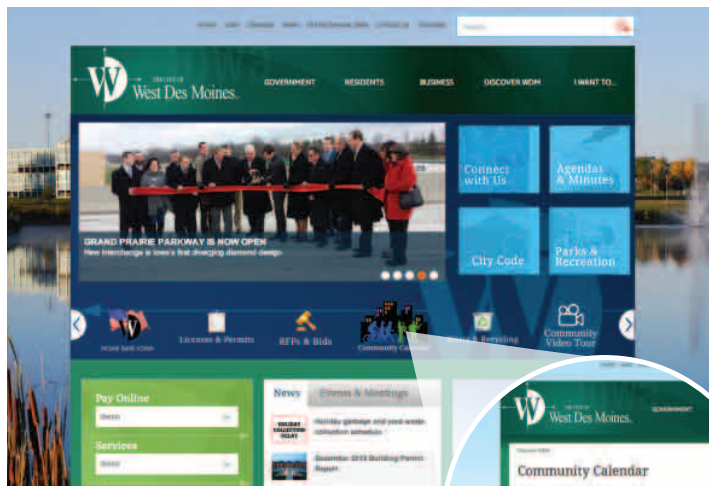
Citizen input will be an important part of WDM 2036. If you're interested in serving on the Quality of Life Council, please log onto the city's website and complete an application.



Steven K. Gaer



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Visit [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov) and look for our new Community Calendar! It's your online connection to fun events and activities for you and your family!



## WDM Firefighter Association's ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for the West Des Moines Firefighter Association's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26th. Easter egg hunt begins promptly at 10:30 am at DMACC West Campus 5959 Grand Avenue, WDM.



DAY	Saturday
DATE	March 26
TIME	Easter egg hunt begins promptly at 10:30am
LOCATION	DMACC West Campus (5959 Grand Ave.)
AGES	ALL
FEE	FREE

**Don't miss out on the fire trucks, face painting and photos with the Easter Bunny!**



## BIG FUN IN VALLEY JUNCTION

**Farmers Market & Music in the Junction**  
Thursdays, beginning May 5

**Cinco de Mayo Festival**  
Saturday, May 7

**National Public Works Week Celebration**  
Thursday, May 19

**Valley Junction Arts Festival**  
Sunday, May 22



## 17th Annual Cops N' Bobbers FISHING DERBY

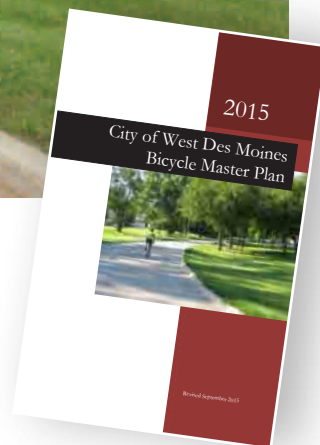
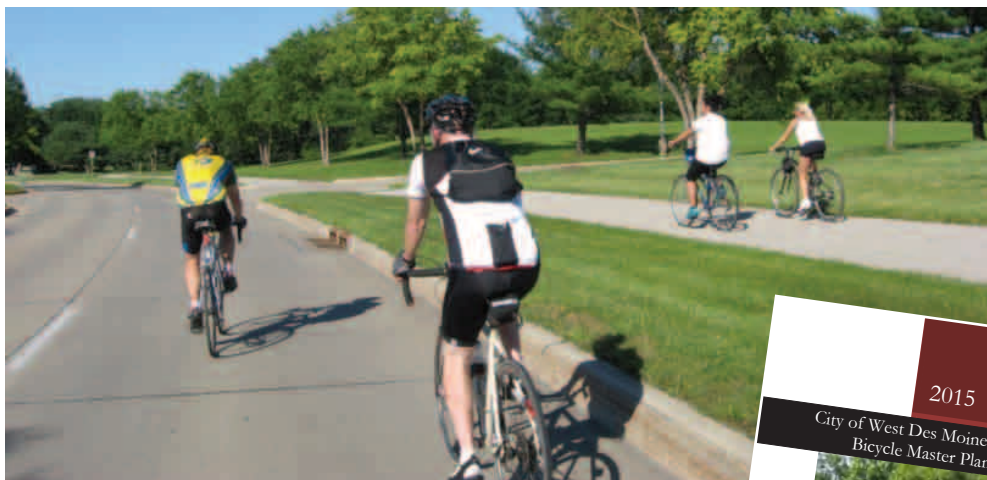
Join the WDM Police Department for the 17th Annual Cops N' Bobbers Fishing Derby to be held at the City Hall Pond (4200 Mills Civic Pkwy). Teams must consist of at least one child under 18 years of age and one adult (18 years old and up). Contestants must supply their own bait, tackle and poles. This is a catch and release event where participants will return all fish to the pond once they are measured. Prizes will be awarded in several categories.



DAY	Saturday
DATE	June 4
TIME	8:30am – 11:30am
LOCATION	City Hall Pond (4200 Mills Civic Pkwy)
AGES	ALL (teams need to follow listed rules)
FEE	FREE

**For more information please call Brent Kock at 515-222-3357 or [brent.kock@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:brent.kock@wdm.iowa.gov)**





## West Des Moines Bicycle Master Plan Adopted

On November 2, 2015, the West Des Moines City Council adopted a Bicycle Master Plan for the City. The plan provides an assessment of West Des Moines' existing bicycling and trail opportunities and includes a bicycle facilities plan showing potential future projects. These proposed projects will be prioritized annually by the Bicycle Advisory Commission as part of the City's budget process. Strategies to enhance the City's non-motorized environment include filling gaps in the local and regional trail system, identifying innovative solutions to integrating on-street bike facilities, including bicycling in on-going transportation planning, design and maintenance activities, and improving education, encouragement and enforcement programs.

The Bicycle Master Plan is available online at [www.wdm.iowa.gov/BAC](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/BAC).



## West Des Moines City Streets Have Come A Long Way!



Can you imagine riding a bicycle on City streets back in the day?

Even today, bicycling on City streets can be challenging. City streets were constructed for motor vehicles. Joints are installed in the street as part of the pavement structure (necessary for expansion and contraction of the roadway pavement), which could be an issue for narrow bicycle tires.

West Des Moines is committed to being a "bicycle friendly" community with a wide network of trails. Sharrows are painted on some streets to indicate that the roadway is being shared by motorists and bicyclists.

Bicyclists are an important part of our West Des Moines community and we encourage you to be safe:

- Make use of the trail system whenever possible.

- When bicycling in the street, be aware of the pavement conditions ahead of you. Avoid longitudinal joints in the roadway.
- Follow all laws of the road.
- Avoid areas of construction.
- Be visible. Wear bright colored clothing or a safety vest when riding on streets.
- Avoid riding on the street after dark unless the bicycle has proper lighting.
- Respect fellow travelers.
- Enjoy the experience!!

Motorists and bicyclists can successfully share the roadway with mutual respect and consideration. That's a positive part of being a community!





## You Can Now Adopt a Park or Trail in West Des Moines!

Are you tired of seeing trash in a park or on a trail near your home? Are you ready to do something about it? Now you or your local group can adopt one of West Des Moines' parks or trails and help make a difference in the community!

The West Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department will provide the resources to help your group adopt a park or trail. After your group has officially adopted a park or trail, a sign will be placed to recognize your sponsoring group.

For more information or to sign up online, go to [www.wdm.iowa.gov/adoptApark](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/adoptApark).

Funding for signs provided by Metro Waste Authority



## WESTPET

### Frequently Asked Questions



#### What is WestPet?

The cities of Clive, Urbandale and West Des Moines are partners in an entity known as WestPet for the purposes of animal control and pet licensing. The licensing program is administered by the West Des Moines Finance Department.

#### Do I have to license my pet?

All dogs and cats six (6) months of age or older in WestPet partner communities must have a WestPet license.

#### How much does a license cost?

Spayed/Neutered Cat \$17, Intact Cat \$24, Spayed/Neutered Dog \$19, Intact Dog \$29. We provide a discounted license for Service Animals.

#### How do I obtain a license?

You can obtain a license by going to our website [www.westpet.org](http://www.westpet.org) and printing off an application to mail or apply online. You can also apply in person at West Des Moines City Hall in the Finance Department.

**I already have a license, how/when do I renew?** Renewal notices were mailed on January 8, 2016. License renewals are accepted January 1st through April 30th each year without penalty. On or after May 1st, a \$25 per pet late fee will be applied. You can renew online, by mail or in person.

#### How many pets can I have?

In accordance with City Codes it is unlawful for an owner to harbor or house on their premises more than four animals over the age of six months.

#### What's new with WestPet this year?

- In November of 2015 we updated our online application process to be more user friendly. The update allows for the creation of an account upon applying for a new license or by entering your Person Number provided on our Renewal Forms. The new account will allow you to maintain your pet's information during the year.

## DISCOVER DECORATION DAY

**May 22 • 1pm – 4pm**

Discover the history behind Decoration Day by joining the West Des Moines Historical Society and Parks & Recreation Department at the Jordan House and Jordan Cemetery on Sunday, May 22.

*Find more details on page p12 of the WDM Parks & Recreation program guide.*

*Hosted by the West Des Moines Historical Society and West Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department*

- WDM Community Band Concert – **FREE**
- Ice Cream Social – **FREE** Ice Cream Treats
- Children's Craft – **FREE**
- Jordan Cemetery Self-guided Tour – **FREE**
- Jordan House Guided Tours – \$5 Adults / \$3 Students



## WESTPET CONTINUED



- We have also changed our policy regarding rabies vaccinations. All pets are still required to have a current rabies vaccination at the renewal/new issuing of their license. However, WestPet is no longer requiring documented verification from your veterinarian.

#### If I have more questions, how may I contact you?

Phone: 515-273-0651

e-mail: [westpet@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:westpet@wdm.iowa.gov)

address: 4200 Mills Civic Parkway  
Suite 2B, WDM, IA 50321

## The West Des Moines Historical Society

The West Des Moines Historical Society is a privately funded nonprofit institution that relies on the generosity of its friends and supporters. Help preserve the legacy of West Des Moines' history through membership. Become a member today by visiting the Society's website at [www.wdmhs.org](http://www.wdmhs.org).





# BENNETT SCHOOL PAST & PRESENT



## The Past

The Bennett School was built between 1926 and 1927. In 1977 the school was moved from its original site at the corner of Fuller Road and 50th Street to its present location on Fuller Road just east of Jordan Creek Elementary School. The one-room schoolhouse stands today on land donated by Lincoln P. Bennett surrounded by rolling hills and mostly removed from the hustle and bustle of suburban West Des Moines.

Walter Fuller, Mary Fuller Wiese and Lincoln Bennett attended the school from the first to the eighth grade. Walter was moved up a grade to be with his sister Mary. They studied the 3 R's (reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic), music, geography, penmanship and language. For fun, they enjoyed foot races, spelling bees, "Annie over the school house" games, and holiday celebrations. Walter and Mary walked 1 3/4 miles to school each day unless the weather was bad. In that case, their mother or father would take them via horse and buggy or by a team of horses and wagon.

Ten thousand rural one-room schools dotted the Iowa landscape in the 1920's. Most are gone now. The Bennett School is one of the last one-room school houses still standing in our area. It is owned and maintained by the West Des Moines Historical Society.

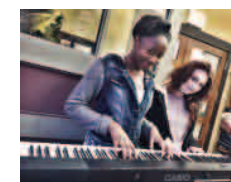
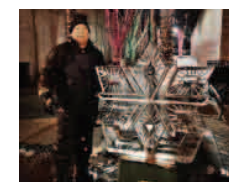


## The Present

For the past 15 years or so the façade of the Bennett School has been plagued with peeling paint issues. After carefully studying the causes and options to solve the ongoing problem, the West Des Moines Historical Society decided to remove the old siding and replace it with new cedar wood siding. The new siding will get a final coat of fresh white paint in the spring.

Other recent improvements to the school include a security system and cameras, a new water heater and improved signage.

The Bennett School is open for group tours and meetings by appointment. Call the West Des Moines Historical Society at 515-225-1286 for more information.



## HELP US MAKE *Historic* WEST DES MOINES *Great(er)*!

West Des Moines is a thriving, vibrant community that got its start in the area known as Valley Junction. The City is taking some time this year to return to its roots and develop a Master Plan for the Valley Junction business district and the surrounding neighborhood – together known as Historic West Des Moines (HWD). Data gathering and analysis is already underway – you may have already participated in a survey or chatted with a member of the consulting team at Jingle in the Junction.

To make the plan truly reflective of the desires and vision of our residents, we need your continued input to help us take a very good neighborhood and make it great. Here's some ways you can get involved:

### • Join us for a Community Workshop

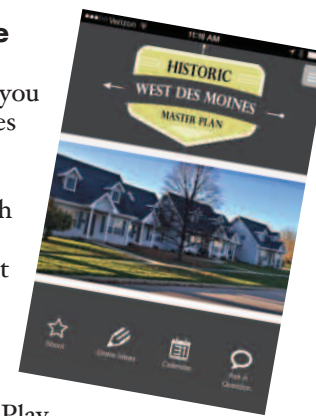
- On March 10th we will have an "Economics 101" workshop, where we will talk about the real estate market and economics within HWD and listen to your thoughts and ideas about what types of businesses, housing, or other development would enhance the area.
- On May 12th we will have a "Design for Life" workshop where we will focus on the physical character of the area including architecture and building appearance, streetscape, and ways to enhance neighborhood character.



- Visit [www.HistoricWDM.com](http://www.HistoricWDM.com) for workshop locations

- **Download the project app**, which will allow you to receive updates of news, events and upcoming meetings via push notifications all from the comfort of your smart phone.

- Step 1: Visit your app store – Google Play (android) or iTunes (apple)
- Step 2: Search 'Historic West Des Moines'
- Step 3: Click Download



### • Visit the project website at

[www.HistoricWDM.com](http://www.HistoricWDM.com) and watch an introductory video, check plan progress, and provide comments or suggestions directly to the planning team.

Now is the time to share your ideas about how to make HWD great(er). Please join us at a workshop or provide some comments or a picture via the app or web site – join us in planning for the future of Historic West Des Moines!

# Scrap Appliance and Metal Drop-Off

## Secure Paper Shredding

**Spring: Saturday, April 9, 2016**  
**Fall: Saturday, September 10, 2016**

**8 AM to 12:00 Noon**

This popular event is a great opportunity to recycle unwanted items! West Des Moines residents may bring their scrap appliances or metal to the gated area at the

**Public Works facility | 560 S. 16th Street, WDM.**



These items will be accepted – <b>FREE</b>			
Air Conditioners (all sizes)	Dishwashers	Ice Makers	Saws
Batteries, Lead Acid	Dryers	Metal - Most anything	Speakers
Blenders/Mixers/Toasters	DVD Players	Metal Shelving	Stereo systems
Calculators	Exercise Equipment	Microwaves	Stoves
Cameras, Camcorders	Fans	Mowers - Riding	Vacuums
Cell Phones	Fax Machines	Mowers - Walk Behind	VCRs
Chillers	Freezers (no food)	Phones	Video Game Systems
Computer Towers, Servers	Furnaces	Pots, Pans, Electric Skillets	Washers
Condenser Units	Garage Doors & Openers	Printers	Water Coolers
Copiers	General Scrap Metal	Refrigeration Units	Water Heaters
Dehumidifiers	Humidifiers	Rooftop AC Units	Water Softeners (no salt)

These items will <b>NOT</b> be accepted –			
Anything with food in it	Garbage	Paint	Wood
Chemicals	Light Bulbs	Plastics	

## Televisions and Monitors are accepted at a cost. Cash or Check Only



\$15.00 Each TV or Monitor

\$30.00 Each Console or Big Screen

Note: Residents participating in City-provided solid waste collection may dispose of TV's and monitors of any type by putting them at the curb by 6AM on their normal collection day with the appropriate sticker(s). For more information. Visit the City's website at [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov) or Metro Waste Authority at [www.mwatoday.com](http://www.mwatoday.com) for recycling opportunities.

H & W Recycling is partnering with the City of West Des Moines in this collection event. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at **222-3480**.

## Secure Paper Shredding

Secure Paper Shredding has been added as a service to West Des Moines residents at these Saturday Scrap Appliance & Metal drop-off events. You are encouraged to bring old documents and watch a shredding truck destroy your paperwork under your watchful eye!

No need to remove paper clips, staples, rubber bands, binder clips, hanging file folders, manila file folders or metal clips. No 3-ring binders or plastic.



## Dispose of Old Tires at Community Drop-Off Event

560 S. 16th Street. Each household can drop off a maximum of five tires. Rims must be removed.

Metro Waste Authority has year-round drop-off locations where residents can recycle tires for a fee. Tires can also be recycled with Liberty Tire in Des Moines.

If you are spinning your wheels trying to get rid of an old tire or two, we have some good news.

Residents can dispose of old car and truck tires on April 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Public Works,

### This drop-off does NOT accept:

- Tires generated by businesses
- Farm or tractor tires
- Solid tires (lawnmower, forklift or golf cart tires)
- Bicycle tires

For more information about safe, smart waste disposal and recycling options, call 515.244.0021 or visit [www.WhereItShouldGo.com](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com).



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



**NOT** your **REGULAR TRASH**. Get rid of it the **SAFE, SMART** way.

## Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site Comes to Western Suburbs

West Des Moines residents have a new, convenient option for getting rid of household hazardous waste in the western suburbs. A permanent Hazardous Waste Drop-Off is located at the Metro Northwest Transfer Station. The site is 1.5 miles northwest of I-80/35 and Hwy. 141 in Grimes. Residents are invited to drop off unused material the second Saturday in the months of March thru December from 8 a.m. to Noon.

Until now, the western suburbs were without a convenient hazardous waste drop-off site with consistent hours. While the new site offers many benefits, improved environmental protection is near the top of the list. The site is designed for the acceptance of hazardous materials, so it's equipped with safeguards to protect the ground water and the environment.

### Accepted Items

Bring up to 75 pounds of common household hazardous materials free of charge, including motor oil and filters, antifreeze, fertilizers, batteries, hazardous cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), rust removers, oil and lead based paints and more. In addition, latex paint is accepted for a fee of \$1 per gallon or \$5 per five gallons.

For a complete list of accepted and non-accepted materials go to [www.WhereItShouldGo.com](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com).



For more information, call 515.244.0021 or visit [www.WhereItShouldGo.com/wdm](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com/wdm) and select Household Hazardous Waste.

### Directions to West-Side Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site:

Take exit 127 off of I80/35 to Hwy. 141  
Go 1/2 mile to SE 37th St., take a left  
Go 1/2 mile to SE Beisser Dr, take a left  
Go .3 miles to 4105 SE Beisser Dr., Grimes, IA



## House-Side Hazardous Waste Service Leave it Outside Your Door

### Leave it Outside Your Door

The City of West Des Moines and Metro Waste Authority offer house-side collection for the convenient disposal of household hazardous items such as lead and oil-based paints (no latex), chemicals (insecticides, poisons and solvents), lawn care products, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), sharps and cleaners.

### Sign Up – \$25 Per Collection

Residents can sign up on an as-needed basis at West Des Moines Public Works, 560 S. 16th St. For a \$25 fee per collection, residents receive two 12-gallon bins to fill with accepted hazardous products.

### Schedule Collection with Metro Waste Authority

Once you fill your bins, call Metro Waste Authority at 515.333.4434 to schedule collection. Bins are collected the second Friday of each month. The collected material is taken to the Metro Hazardous Waste Drop-Off in Bondurant where it is recycled or disposed of safely.

For more information, call 515.244.0021 or visit at [www.WhereItShouldGo.com/wdm](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com/wdm) and select Household Hazardous Waste.



Get rid of yard waste right from the curb through Metro Waste Authority's Compost It! program. Yard waste collection runs weekly on your regular garbage day starting March 28 through December 2, 2016.

There are two easy ways to dispose of yard waste through the program – or you can mix and match:

## 1. Bag & Sticker Program

### Compost It! Bags

The cost of the Compost It! brand bag covers the cost of collection. No sticker is required. Do not exceed 40 lbs. per bag.

### Store-Brand Bag + Compost It! Sticker

A Compost It! sticker must be attached to a generic or store-brand bag. The sticker cost covers the cost of collection. It's a good idea to face the sticker toward the street so the hauler can see it.

### Compost It! Sticker + Brush Bundles

Attach a Compost It! sticker to each brush bundle and place it next to carts or bags. Bundles cannot exceed 18 inches in diameter or four feet in length.

For more information including what is accepted and what is not accepted, call **515.244.0021** or visit **www.WherItShouldGo.com**.

Compost It! Bags	\$8 for a bundle of five (\$1.60 per bag). Sold at most grocery and hardware stores.
Compost It! Stickers	\$1.25 per sticker. Sold at most grocery and hardware stores.
Cart	\$105 annual subscription; One-time cart purchase - \$60 or \$80 if delivered. To enroll, call Public Works at 222-3480, or renew at <a href="http://www.WherItShouldGo.com">www.WherItShouldGo.com</a> .



## 2. Cart Service

A Compost It! cart is on wheels, just like your Curb It! cart, making it a convenient alternative to yard waste bags. Simply wheel it to the curb on garbage day during Compost It! season. The 96-gallon cart can hold the equivalent of three yard waste bags, but you can always use the Bags & Sticker program if your yard waste exceeds the cart's capacity.

### Purchase Bags, Stickers, & Cart Subscriptions

The cost of the Compost It! bag, sticker and annual cart subscription covers the cost of collection and processing of the material.



# Spring Cleanup | June 6 –10

Is that ugly, green chair from the '90s still taking up space in your basement? If you haven't made that trip to the landfill, or if you keep forgetting to buy a Large Item sticker at the grocery store, then you're in luck! Spring Cleanup is right around the corner, on your garbage day the first full week of June. Make sure things you wish to dispose of are to the curb by 6 a.m.

Almost everyone knows this is an opportunity to get rid of items that do not fit in your garbage cart, but do you know the rules? Follow these simple guidelines to ensure everything is collected from your curb:

### Garbage Limit:

You can set out as much as will fit in the bed of one pickup truck.



### Weight Limit:

If it's reasonable that two people could lift the item, then it's accepted.

### No Bags/Boxes of Miscellaneous Items:

Garbage like this can be put in your garbage cart year round and these things often create litter throughout the neighborhoods during Spring Cleanup. If you're disposing of an item in its original box, then that's fine. (A Christmas Tree in its box is acceptable.)

### Construction and Demolition Waste:

Items must weigh less than 40 lbs. each.

If you're still unsure whether an item is accepted, call your garbage hauler, Waste Connections, at (515) 265-7374.

### Examples of ACCEPTED Items:

Mattresses
Couches
End Tables
Fans
Lamps
Grills (no propane)

### Items NOT Accepted:

Appliances
Building materials
Concrete
Household hazardous waste
Tires
Yard waste



# 2016 Public Works Events *for* WDM Citizens



*\*On your regular trash collection day*

DATE	EVENT	TIME /LOCATION
March 28	Yard Waste Pick-Up	Begins on normal trash collection day
April 9	Scrap Appliance, Metal Drop-Off & Paper Shredding	8 AM – Noon West Des Moines Public Works
April 16	Scrap Tire Drop-Off	7:30 AM – 4 PM West Des Moines Public Works
May 19	National Public Works Week Celebration	4 PM – 7 PM Valley Junction Farmers Market
June 6 - 10	Annual Spring Cleanup	On your regular trash collection day
Sept. 10	Scrap Appliance, Metal Drop-Off & Paper Shredding	8 AM - Noon West Des Moines Public Works
Dec. 2	Yard Waste Pick-Up Ends	
Jan 2 – 13, 2017	Winter Yard Waste & Christmas Tree Collection	

Household Hazardous Waste may be disposed of at the Metro Northwest Transfer Station the 2nd Saturday in the months of March thru December 8AM – Noon.

Visit <http://www.whereitshouldgo.com/>

Yard Waste and Annual Spring Cleanup events are available to all West Des Moines residents who are eligible for solid waste collection (single-family homes up to and including 4-plex units).

For more details check the calendar on the City's website: [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov), or call the Public Works Department at 222-3480.

# National Public Works Week (NPWW) *Celebration*

**May 19** | 4pm – 7pm | Farmers Market | Valley Junction

*You're Invited!*

Come join the Public Works staff at our annual National Public Works Week celebration from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 19th, at the Farmers Market in Valley Junction.

NPWW is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as Public Works. Our WDM Public Works staff will be on hand to answer questions. Kids of all ages love checking out the big equipment, and there will be information, activities, balloons and games for everyone to enjoy. Everything at this celebration is family-oriented, and FREE!

Please plan on joining us for this free fun family event, and an opportunity to learn more about how West Des Moines Public Works serves the community!

**PAWS is back in 2016!**



2016's Theme is:  
**"Public Works Always There"**







## CITY CAMPUS POND WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT

The City continued work on the City Campus Pond Watershed Improvement project last fall with the goals of demonstrating ways to reduce runoff and water pollution, improving the pond's water quality, and ultimately creating a great place for urban fishing. The project is being funded by a \$33,000 grant from the Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship Water Quality Initiative program along with City funds. Project components included:

**Native Plantings** – About 11 acres of City property on the slope to the southeast of the pond were planted in native species found in Central Iowa prairies. The seed mix used is diverse with grasses and a large variety of showy native flowers. Native plantings such as this require patience as these species can take 3 to 4 years to become established. Thanks for hanging in there with us during this establishment period!

**Benefits:** *improved soil, increased infiltration of rainwater, decreased runoff into the pond, increased plant diversity, improved wildlife habitat, less frequent mowing, lower fertilizer and herbicide use, enhance educational opportunities*



**Soil Quality Restoration** – The soil around the City facilities on the City Campus is highly compacted with a high clay content. This leads to water running off turfgrass areas directly into the pond. The site was aerated using a deep-tined aerator with a layer of compost applied over it.

**Benefits:** *improved water infiltration, decreased runoff into pond, better turf quality*

For more information on the City Campus Pond Watershed Improvement project, call West Des Moines Parks & Recreation at 222-3447 or check out the Environmental Efforts on the Parks & Recreation Department webpage at [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov).

### Watershed? What is a watershed?

**watershed** – noun  
:a time when an important change happens :a region of land within which water flows down into a specified body, such as a river, lake, sea, or ocean

In the City Campus Pond watershed, the water all flows into the pond located next to City Hall and the Library. That means every drop of water that doesn't soak into the ground and runs off ends up in one place – the pond – where it eventually makes its way into other drainage systems each with their own watersheds.

## Holiday Park Youth Baseball Field Improvements

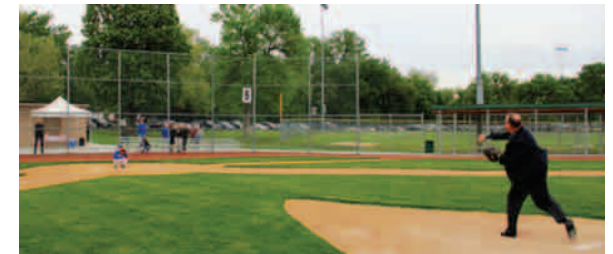


Holiday Park is one of West Des Moines' oldest and most active parks. The park also has been home to youth baseball since the early 1950's. The

City of West Des Moines took over the operation of the baseball complex in 2013 and immediately began an extensive multi-phase field renovation project. A phasing and funding plan were approved by the City Council in September 2013, and renovation of Fields 1, 2 and 5 were completed in Fall 2014. A Grand Opening ceremony was held in May 2015 to officially open up the first three renovated fields for play. Work on Fields 6 and 11 shortly followed and was recently completed in Fall 2015. Renovations to the fields have included the complete re-grading of the fields, storm sewer and drainage improvements, installation of new infield material and warning tracks, new irrigation systems, soil amendments, sodding of the outfields, fencing modifications, renovated or new batting cages, new dugouts, and a new lighting system to one of the fields. The much needed improvements have been well received, and future improvements will continue over the next several years.



*Renovation of Fields 1 & 2 began in May 2014*



*Phase 1 & 2 Grand Opening in May 2015 — Mayor Steve Gaer throws the first pitch on renovated Field 5*



*Renovation of Fields 6 & 11 in July 2015, completed fall 2015*



# Outdoor Fire Safety



Spring is upon us with summer not too far behind. Most of us are probably anxious to get outside and enjoy the great outdoors. Whether it's grilling with friends, camping with family or just lounging on the deck, it is important to remember fire safety. Being prepared can help keep your fun-filled nights from turning into emergency situations.

Here are a few safety tips as you enjoy all that spring and summer have to offer:

## Grills:

- Never use a grill inside a house or garage.
- Make sure your grill is not underneath a porch, tree branches, or any other covering that could catch fire.
- Make sure to place your grill on a stable, level surface so it won't tip over.
- Never leave a grill unattended while lit or hot.
- Make sure you have oven mitts that are made to resist fire and long-handled utensils to use when cooking or handling the grill.
- Make sure your grill is completely extinguished and cool before leaving.

- If you have a gas grill, make sure that the hoses are clear and in good condition and check the tank for leaks prior to starting the grill.
- Light grills properly and keep flammable objects away from grills.
- With charcoal grills, use a charcoal lighter fluid (not gas or kerosene, which can explode.) Once a charcoal fire is started, never add additional lighting fluid to the grill.
- No barbecue grills or other devices which produce ashes or embers should be operated or stored within 20 feet of multi-story buildings, such as apartment buildings and/or condominiums.
- Cooking devices and/or propane cylinders should not be stored inside the living unit of apartment buildings and/or condominiums.

## Backyard Fire Pits:

- Before you consider installing a backyard fire pit, be sure to find out the laws of your local jurisdiction regarding their use.
- **West Des Moines does NOT allow any recreational fires or any open burning due to air quality issues.**



## Storage:

- Store firewood, flammable liquids, etc. at least 30 feet from your home.
- Store all items away from any heat or electrical source.

## Gasoline and Lawn Mowers:

- Store gasoline only in approved containers, outside, or in a building not attached to the house. Never keep gasoline inside the home.
- Gasoline vapors are highly flammable. They stay on your clothing and can ignite if you light a match or cigarette.
- Keep gasoline away from all heat sources such as smoking materials, pilot lights, and grills.
- Never fuel a lawn mower while it is hot. Give it a few minutes to cool off first.

Regardless of what kind of outdoor activities you enjoy, following these simple safety tips can help ensure that you have a good time and remain safe.

A QUICK AND EASY WAY TO CONTACT YOUR WDM CITY GOVERNMENT!  
*yourGOV*

At your fingertips 24/7, citizens can report non-emergency issues and service requests using:

### • The web

Visit <http://yourgov.wdm-ia.com> to start using the YourGOV web-based request portal.

- **Apple iPhone™**  
download the free YourGOV iPhone app by visiting the iTunes App Store.

- **Android™ enabled smartphones**  
download the free YourGOV app at Google Market or the Amazon App Store.

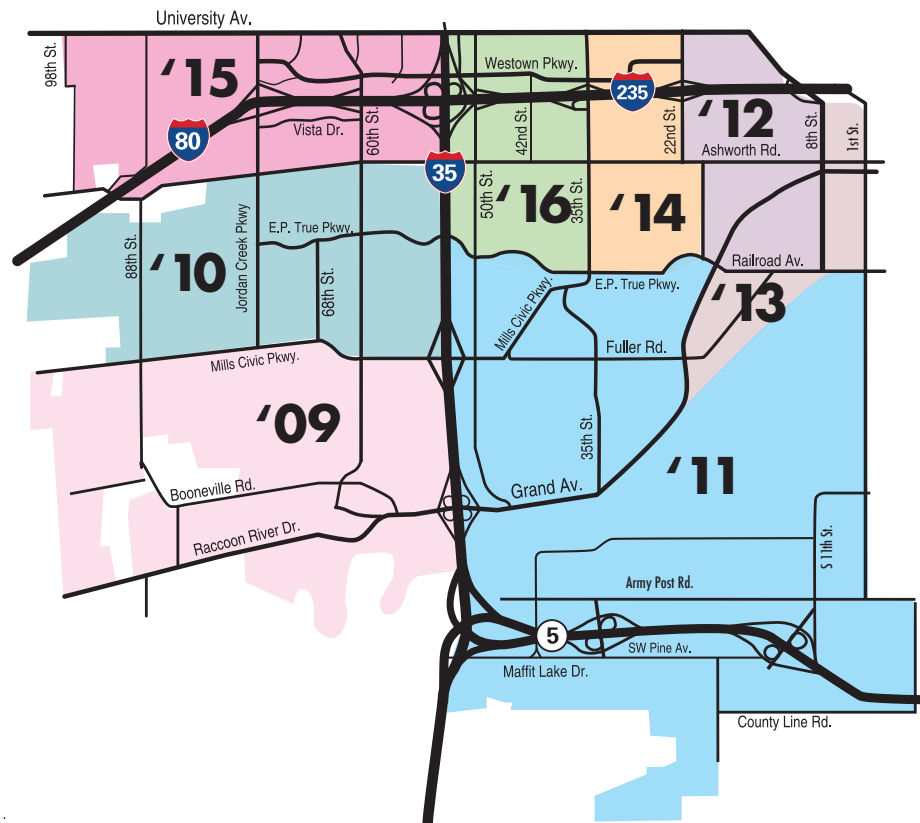


# 2016 Sidewalk Program

Sidewalks are an integral part of the transportation system for the City of West Des Moines. While sidewalks have always been popular, the number of residents walking, jogging and enjoying our neighborhoods is steadily increasing. The sidewalk program provides a means of reviewing the condition of existing sidewalks and the need for new sidewalks throughout the City. A map (shown below and available on the City website) displays the areas scheduled for sidewalk inspection and improvements. Sidewalk program procedures have recently been reevaluated to consider how the City might improve the entire process. Changes have been made which greatly streamline

the process for residents and for City staff.

Notices of defective sidewalks are sent to the owner of record according to the County Auditor's office. Residents have the option to repair individual sidewalk panels on their own, or they may elect to have their sidewalks included in the City-wide repair project which may be more economical. If repairs are not completed by the property owner, the City will proceed with the identified repairs and bill the property owners. This sidewalk program helps protect pedestrians who actively use the sidewalks and property owners from liability issues. More information is available on the City's website.



# University Avenue – Asphalt Resurfacing and Median Replacement Project

One important project in Spring 2016 will be the resurfacing of University Avenue from I-35 to 22nd Street. This is a joint effort with the City of Clive, Iowa DOT, and the City of West Des Moines sharing costs in this \$2.5 million project.

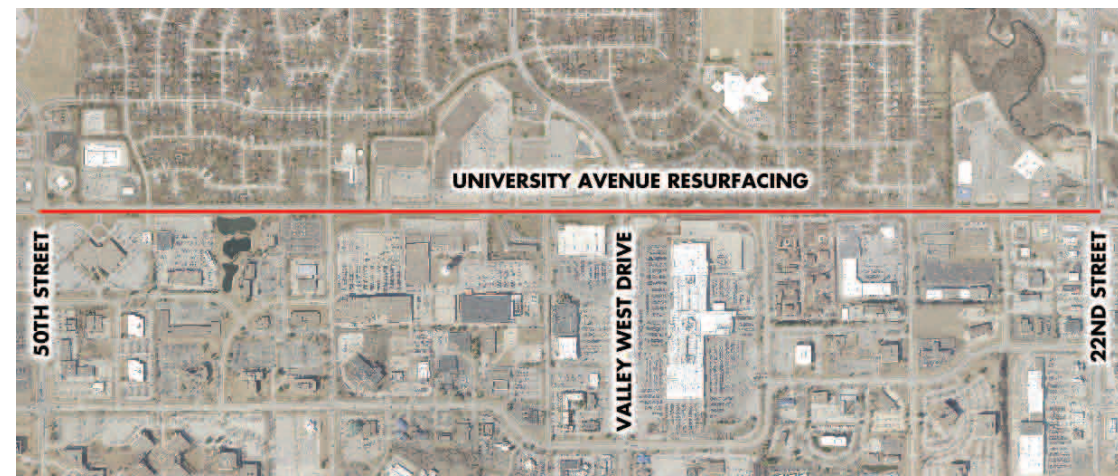
Due to the high traffic volumes on University Avenue, traffic may be impacted during portions of the construction; however, those impacts will be minimized as much as possible. Asphalt resurfacing is planned to be performed at night, with portions of University Avenue being closed and detours in place. Median replacement, patching, and sidewalk ramp replacement work is planned to be performed mainly in the daytime, with traffic limited as necessary with lane closures.

Properties and businesses adjacent to the University Avenue work will always be accessible, so allowing just a little extra time will enable everyone to go about business as usual!

## UNIVERSITY AVENUE PROJECT

1. Median replacements
2. Preparatory work to the roadway
3. 3" asphalt resurfacing over pavement
4. Sidewalk ramp replacements for ADA compliancy

**Thank you for your patience!**





# Tree Debris Resulting From Storms

Whether winter ice, wind storms or other weather related events, storms sometimes result in tree limbs and debris on the ground. Cleaning up after a storm may not be pleasant, but is part of the responsibility of being a property owner.

The City of West Des Moines, along with many neighboring communities, has approved a regional vegetative debris policy based on the guidelines adopted by the Polk County Emergency Management Commission. Adopting this plan helps to provide consistency in our region for determinations made following a storm event.

A trained Damage Assessment Team will evaluate the storm debris and provide an assessment for all grids in West Des Moines affected by the storm. Tree debris will be collected under the guidelines associated with the applicable categories listed below.

The three categories of debris damage as determined by FEMA are:

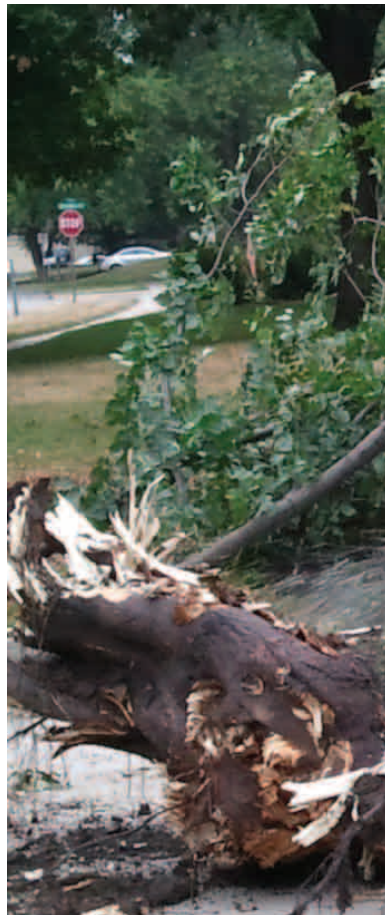
## Minor Damage –

No special collections will be implemented by the City.

*Residents will place vegetative debris at the curb using routine yard waste collection procedures (brush bundles, branches up to 10" dia., utilizing resident's MWA Compost-It bags, stickers and carts) for collection on their normal collection day. This applies only to those grids determined to have minor damage.*

## Major Damage –

Residents will place vegetative debris at the curb using routine yard waste collection procedures (brush bundles, branches up to 10" dia.) but will not be required to utilize MWA Compost-It labeled yard waste bags or stickers. This applies only to those grids determined to have major damage.



## Destroyed –

Routine MWA curbside collection procedures (brush bundles, branches up to 10" dia.) will be utilized for smaller debris with no cost to the resident within the applicable grids determined to be destroyed. To view the full West Des Moines' Vegetative Debris Management Policy, visit the City website.

The City may make provisions for private property owners to utilize City-approved drop-off locations. This applies only to those grids determined to be destroyed.



**After a storm with tree debris, a graphic of the City grid and storm category determinations will be posted to the City website at [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov) and provided to the media.**

## CARING FOR OUR LAWNS

As spring is approaching, our focus will again turn to taking care of lawns and open spaces. Lawn care companies and homeowners do an excellent job of maintaining lush and thriving turf areas in our community. However, lawn care products applied excessively or onto streets, driveways, sidewalks and alleys can pollute streams and rivers. Rainfall washes fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides

off these paved areas and into the storm sewer where it directly enters our streams and rivers.

Never dispose of clippings, twigs or other yard waste near waterways. This organic material will break down and reduce oxygen levels in the water, endangering fish and other aquatic life!

Your actions have a direct effect on aquatic life and water quality of these streams and rivers.

*Thank you for doing your part to help protect our environment!*

Some simple things property owners can do to reduce lawn care related pollution include:

- Do not blow grass clippings into the street
- Spread fertilizers and lawn chemicals only on turf areas and not on paved surfaces
- Sweep excess fertilizers and grass clippings from driveways, sidewalks, and roads
- Dispose of yard waste properly, using the Metro Waste Authority Compost-It! program or by composting
- Do not hose down pavements or use water to clean up spills
- Clean up after pets

## Why doesn't the City pick up all debris after a storm?

There's a very good reason! If storm debris were collected after all minor events, the community would be at risk of not receiving eligible federal disaster funds for collection of debris following a declared event.

## 2016 Construction Season: West Des Moines City

West Des Moines residents consistently rate maintaining streets among the most important services provided by the City. Currently the City has approximately 782 lane miles of public streets to maintain. The replacement value of the City's public street network is estimated at over \$950 million in today's market. The City's street network is probably the highest valued item owned by the taxpayers of West Des Moines.

To preserve this critical asset, the City's Public Works Department uses a Street Management System (SMS) for maintaining streets and pavements in the most cost-effective manner. A SMS computerized database system is utilized to inventory streets, inspect road conditions, predict maintenance needs and to determine annual repairs and budgets. The concept behind the SMS is to schedule proactive

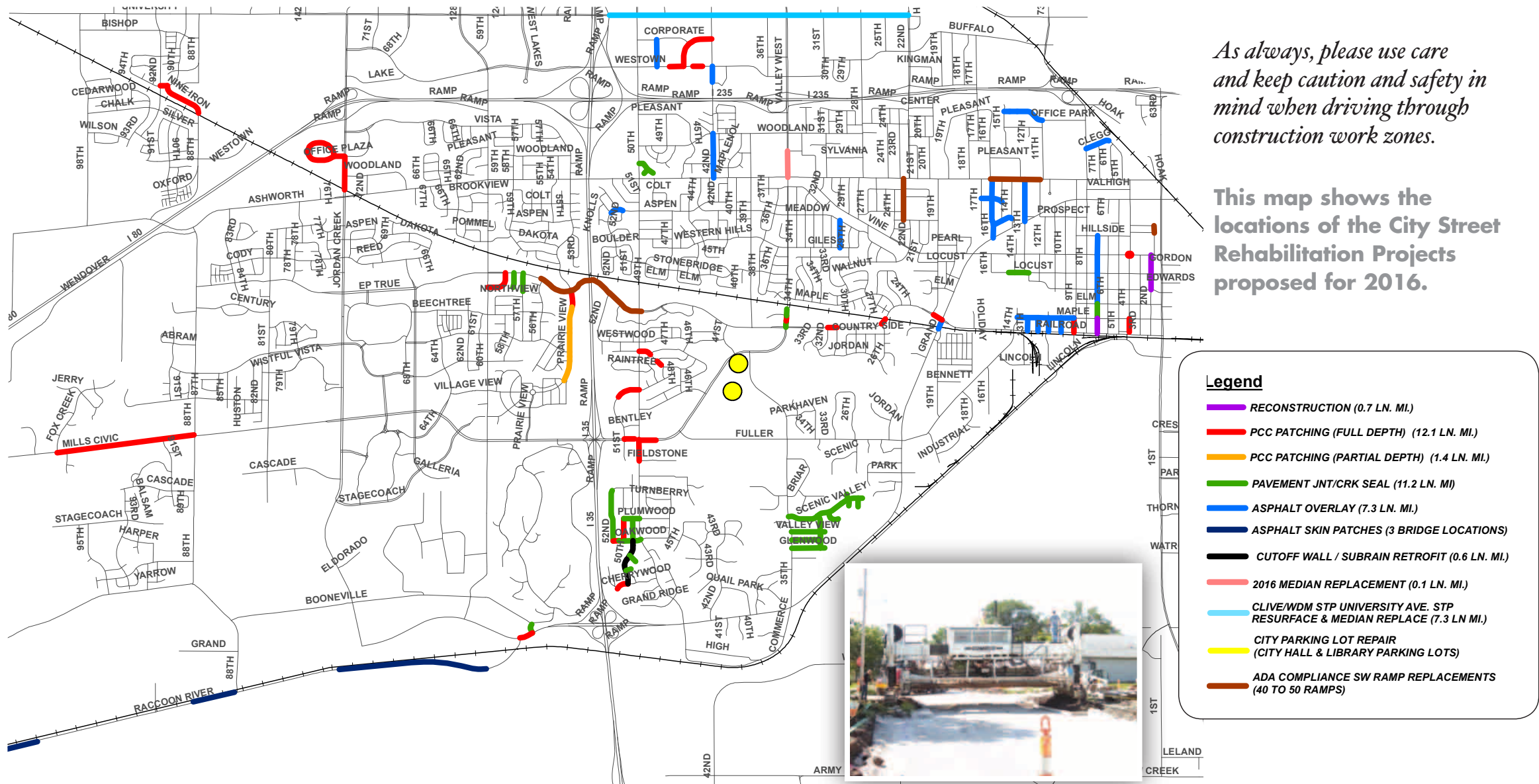
## Street and Parking Lot Rehabilitation Programs

rehabilitation and maintenance activities that will extend pavement quality and life cycles. This results in substantial cost savings over the service life of the streets. This concept is similar to having regular oil changes for a car to extend engine quality and life and save on expensive future repair and replacement costs.

For 2016 potentially \$7 million of City street maintenance and repair is proposed throughout the City. The 2016 street and parking lot rehabilitation program will cover about 41 lane miles of City streets. The type of pavement maintenance and rehabilitation that will be constructed in the City this year include asphalt overlays, patching, pavement sealing, sidewalk replacement and pavement reconstruction.

*As always, please use care and keep caution and safety in mind when driving through construction work zones.*

**This map shows the locations of the City Street Rehabilitation Projects proposed for 2016.**





# EMERALD ASH BORER

Although the effects of Emerald Ash Borer aren't being widely seen in West Des Moines yet, being proactive with chemical treatment is important if you wish to prevent an EAB infestation in your ash tree. Spring and early summer are the best times for treatment. To protect your tree and your pocketbook, be sure to get price quotes from several local tree companies. More information on EAB treatment options can be found at [www.wdm.iowa.gov/EAB](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/EAB).

## Is My Tree An Ash?

Ash species attacked by Emerald Ash Borer include green, white, black, and blue ash, as well as horticultural cultivars of these species. Green and white ash (especially Autumn Purple Ash) are the most commonly found ash species in the Midwest. Other woody plants, such as mountainash and pricklyash, might have "ash" in their names, but they are not true ash species. Only true ash are susceptible to EAB.

## To properly identify true ash trees, look for the following:



*Opposite Branching*



### Branches and Buds

Branches and buds are directly across from one another and not staggered, but not every single branch will have one opposite from it since some branches may die.

### Ash Leaves

Ash leaves are compound and composed of 5-11 leaflets. The only other oppositely branched tree with compound leaves is boxelder, which almost always has only 3-5 leaflets.

### Bark

On mature trees, the bark is tight with a distinct pattern of diamond-shaped ridges. On young trees, bark is relatively smooth.

### EAB Appearance

When present on trees, seeds are dry, oar-shaped samaras usually occurring in clusters in late fall and early winter.

For the most current information on EAB in West Des Moines, visit [www.wdm.iowa.gov/EAB](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/EAB) or contact John Olds, Urban Forestry Supervisor, [john.olds@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:john.olds@wdm.iowa.gov) or 222-3417

# FLOOD CONTROL IN WEST DES MOINES

Living in the vicinity of streams, rivers and lakes brings not only the enjoyment of beauty and water activities, but also a potential risk of flooding during and after severe weather events. West Des Moines has done much to improve that risk on behalf of our businesses and residents.

In 1993 West Des Moines, along with most of the Midwest, experienced record-breaking rainfall and levels of waterway crests. The good news is that West Des Moines subsequently worked with the federal government in establishing a system of levies, high water gates, water retainage basins and pumps to help reduce future flooding issues. Public Works staff regularly inspects the levy system, storm sewers and pumping stations to assure our flood protection system is in excellent condition.

Severe weather also occurred in our area in 2008, 2010 and 2015. The flooding issues in West Des Moines, however, were greatly reduced by the measures taken by the City after 1993. Additional improvements have been made such as strengthening aging storm sewer pipes in the Valley Junction area. An ongoing project of improving storm drainage along alleyways in Valley Junction addresses an area of several blocks every year based on interest from residents.

There will always be a certain risk of high water events when living and working near waterways; however, those risks in West Des Moines are minimized by the efforts of our City.

Learn more on the City's website at:

<http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/government/public-works/sewer-maintenance>



## How Can I Help?

Help keep debris from storm sewers. Never put clippings or leaves in the street or near waterways, and if you see debris around the storm sewer, clearing it out will keep the water flowing.

Be sure your sump pump is connected directly to the storm sewer system or discharges onto your private property (NOT the sanitary sewer system).





Valley Junction during the 1993 flood.

# Extreme Iowa Weather

Weather is the ultimate conversational default. You run into someone and you don't know what to say. Whether it's sunshine and warm or rainy and cold, the weather rescues both of you from awkward silence. But if you think for a moment about the content of your weather-centered dialogues, you'll discover that what you're really talking about is water and whether it is falling, freezing, pooling or completely absent.

## 'Bad Weather'

Fair or not, the term "bad weather" usually resides in the eye of the beholder. A steady, daylong rain in July may be mightily appreciated as "good" by farmers watching over their crops. For the bride who planned to get married outside, the rain, no matter how parched the fields, is bad news.

"The term bad weather usually describes destructive or unwanted weather," said Diana Wilson, general manager of West Des Moines Water Works. "It can be very personal at times, although I think we can all agree that floods, tornadoes and lightning strikes are generally undesirable."

Flooding comprises one of the most devastating and even hazardous weather events that Iowa faces. The Great Flood of 1993 was arguably the worst natural disaster in the state's history and probably the most costly.

It rained for 130 consecutive days in some Iowa locations, and many central Iowans were reaching for sandbags and life rafts.

In July 1993 volunteers came out in droves to fill sandbags. This community effort saved the A.C. Ward water treatment plant from being inundated with flood waters.



The contemplation of building a Noah-style ark became less humorous in 1993 as a staggering 13 billion gallons of water fell in Des Moines during the month of June. It was no better across the rest of the state, and the excessive rain on already damp soil swelled streams and creeks, fomenting a frightening domino effect as the Des Moines, Raccoon, Missouri and Mississippi rivers jumped their banks one after another.

West Des Moines Water Works staved off the onslaught of water surging toward its treatment plant in 1993, thanks to volunteers who filled thousands of sandbags and worked tirelessly building a wall of safety. Des Moines Water Works was not so fortunate and its treatment facility flooded, leaving 350,000 people without drinking water for 19 days.

## How much water in an inch of rain?

<b>At Your House</b> 40 by 70 feet roof	1,743 gallons
<b>1 acre of land</b>	27,154 gallons
<b>1 Square Mile</b> 1 sq. mile = 640 acres	17.38 million gallons
<b>West Des Moines</b> 38.59 square miles	670.7 million gallons
<b>Des Moines</b> 80.87 square miles	1.41 billion gallons

Source: city-data, U.S. Geological Survey

"The sheer amount and force of water that summer still haunts those of us in the water treatment business," Wilson said. "Water is essential to life, but too much in the wrong place can be volatile and destructive."

## Raining Really Fast

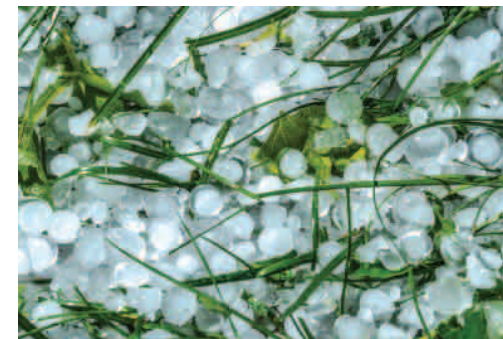
Flash floods might be quicker, but they too can pose a real hazard to property and life, especially in densely populated areas where impervious surfaces, such as concrete, cannot absorb the water. Flash floods are defined by the National Weather Service as "a flood caused by heavy or excessive rainfall in a short period of time, generally less than 6 hours." Causes include heavy rain, ice jams being jarred loose and dams and levees failing. The water moves swiftly—10 miles an hour or faster—which carries an amount of pressure analogous to a 270-mile-per hour wind. Injuries and deaths occur when people attempt walking or driving through fast moving water.

"Rain is only one form of precipitation that Iowans face in a given year. Regardless of whether we're talking snow, ice or hail, it all started as water," Wilson pointed out.

## Snow

Depending on the time of year, the cold, white powdery substance that falls from the sky can be a welcome white Christmas or a foreboding extension of a cold winter. In winter of 2009-2010, for example, it was so continuously cold that the same snow that fell in December was on the ground in March. Even at that, the amount of water may seem surprisingly small. On average, according to the National Severe Storms Laboratory, 13 inches of snow equals 1 inch of rain. The amount of water in snow varies depending

on the density and texture of the snow as well as the outside temperature. For example, sleet contains more water than powder.



## What the Hail is going on?

Raindrops suspended in the air are sometimes carried upward into freezing cold pockets of the atmosphere. When this happens, these capsules of water can freeze into balls of ice and become hail. When hail becomes heavy enough, it falls from the sky and can be dangerous to humans and animals — not to mention a brand new car sitting in the driveway. Usually, hail doesn't get much bigger than a pea or a marble, but it's not uncommon for it to be much bigger, even as big as a softball, so watch out!

Iowa's weather hasn't always been the way it is, in fact, it used to be extremely different. Can you even imagine Iowa being underwater? Believe it or not, the Hawkeye State used to be underwater many eons ago. At other times, glaciers a mile deep covered our topography and those ice age winters made our current winters seem balmy by contrast.

There's no doubt about it, Iowa's weather can be enjoyable, volatile and unpredictable. Nevertheless, understanding the role water plays in our weather is always an interesting endeavor.



# WDM RESIDENT GUIDE

All City service requests can be directed to the Online Service Desk at

[www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov)

<b>EMERGENCY</b> .....	911
<b>Non-Emergency Dispatch</b> .....	222-3321
<b>ADA Coordinator</b> .....	222-3603
<b>TDD/TTY</b> .....	1-800-413-4955
<b>Aquatic Centers</b> .....	273-0700
<b>Ambulance Billing</b> .....	273-0652
<b>Animal Control</b> .....	222-3364
250 Mills Civic Parkway	
<b>Animal Licenses</b> .....	See WestPet
<b>Better Business Bureau</b> .....	243-8137
<b>Birth Certificates</b> .....	See Vital Records
<b>Building Safety/Inspections</b> .....	222-3630
developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Business License Info.</b> .....	1-800-532-1216
<b>Cable Television</b>	
Mediacom .....	1-800-332-0245
Billing, Cust. Service, Connect/ Disconnect,	
2205 Ingersoll Ave. Des Moines • mchsi.com	
<b>Jordan Cemetery</b> .....	222-3444
Sales and Maintenance	
<b>Chamber of Commerce</b> .....	225-6009
www.wdmchamber.org	
<b>City Attorney</b> .....	See Legal Department
<b>City Clerk</b> .....	222-3603
Business related licenses / voter registration	
application	
<b>City Council</b> .....	222-3610
<b>City Hall Offices</b> .....	222-3600
4200 Mills Civic Pkwy	
<b>City Manager</b> .....	222-3610
<b>Claim for Damages</b> .....	222-3601
<b>Code Enforcement</b> .....	222-3304
police@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Community Center</b> .....	222-3440
Community & Econ. Development .....	273-0770
ced@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>County Web Site Addresses</b>	
• Dallas County <a href="http://www.co.dallas.ia.us">www.co.dallas.ia.us</a>	
• Polk County <a href="http://www.co.polk.ia.us">www.co.polk.ia.us</a>	
• Madison County <a href="http://www.madisoncoia.us">www.madisoncoia.us</a>	
• Warren County <a href="http://www.co.warren.ia.us">www.co.warren.ia.us</a>	
<b>Death Certificates</b> .....	See Vital Records
<b>Development Services</b>	
Building Division .....	222-3630
Engineering & Planning Divisions .....	222-3620
developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Des Moines Area Regional Transit (DART)</b>	
Public Transportation .....	283-8100
dart@ridedart.com	

<b>Des Moines Register</b>	
Subscriptions .....	1-847-424-0225
<b>Driver's License</b>	
• Dallas County .....	993-6992
• Polk County .....	244-1052
• Madison County .....	462-1542
• Warren County .....	961-1144
<b>Driveway Permits</b> .....	222-3480
560 S. 16th St. • publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov	
Economic Development .....	273-0770
ced@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Election Office</b>	
• Dallas County .....	993-6914
• Polk County .....	286-3247
• Madison County .....	462-3914
• Warren County .....	961-1020
<b>Electrical Service</b> .....	See Utilities
<b>Emergency Medical Services (EMS)</b> 273-0768	
EMS Billing .....	8055 Mills Civic Parkway
CPR and Public Access Defibrillation Classes	
ems@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Farmers Market (VJ Foundation)</b> 222-3642	
<b>Finance Department</b> .....	222-3600
<b>Fire Administration</b> .....	222-3420
3421 Ashworth Road • fire@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Gas Service</b> .....	See Utilities
<b>Hazardous Waste</b>	
Regional Collection Center .....	967-5512
<b>Holiday Pool</b> .....	273-0700
<b>Housing Rehabilitation Program</b> 273-0770	
<b>Human Resources</b> .....	222-3616
<b>Human Rights Commission</b> .....	222-3675
<b>Human Services</b> .....	222-3660
139 6th Street • humanservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
Senior & Disabled Transportation, Energy	
Assistance, Food & Clothing Pantry, Homeless	
Prevention	
<b>Illegal Waste Disposal</b> .....	725-0268
<a href="http://www.iowadnr.gov">http://www.iowadnr.gov</a>	
State Dept of Natural Resources industrial or major	
hazardous waste and chemical spills.	
<b>Minor/Household Spills</b> .....	222-3321
<b>Job Hotline (City of WDM)</b> .....	222-3616
www.wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Library</b> .....	222-3400
4000 Mills Civic Parkway • library@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Legal Department</b> .....	222-3523
4200 Mills Civic Parkway	
<b>Marriage Licenses</b> .....	See Vital Records

<b>Mayor's Office</b> .....	222-3610
<b>Motor Vehicle License Plates/Registration</b>	
• Dallas County .....	993-5812
• Polk County .....	286-3030
• Madison County .....	462-1542
• Warren County .....	961-1111
<b>Nature Lodge</b> .....	222-3424
Raccoon River Park 2500 Grand Ave.	
<b>One Call Underground Utility Lines</b>	
811 OR 1-800-292-8989	
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b> .....	222-3444
parkrec@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Parking Violations (non-moving)</b> 222-3600	
<b>Passports</b> .....	1-877-487-2778
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning</b> .....	222-3620
developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Police Administration</b> .....	222-3300
police@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Police/Fire/EMS/Dispatch (Westcom)</b>	
• Emergency .....	911
• Non-Emergency .....	222-3321
250 Mills Civic Parkway	
<b>Post Office</b> .....	255-6471
430 5th St. WDM 50265 • usps.com	
<b>Property Tax</b>	
• Dallas County .....	993-5808
• Polk County .....	286-3060
• Madison County .....	462-1542
• Warren County .....	961-1110
<b>Public Transportation</b> .....	See DART
<b>Public Works</b> .....	222-3480
publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Recycling - Curb IT!</b>	
Waste Management .....	<a href="http://www.wm.com">www.wm.com</a>
Missed Pickup/Questions .....	265-5267
<b>Recreation Programs</b> .....	222-3444
<b>Rental Housing Inspector</b> .....	222-3630
developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Senior Citizen Meals</b> .....	274-0373
<b>Sewer Stoppages/Repair</b> .....	222-3480
publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Shelter Rentals (Parks &amp; Rec)</b> .....	222-3444
<b>School Districts</b>	
• Norwalk	
981-0676 • <a href="http://www.norwalk.k12.ia.us">www.norwalk.k12.ia.us</a>	
• Van Meter	
996-2221 • <a href="http://www.vmbulldogs.com">www.vmbulldogs.com</a>	
• Waukee	
987-5161 • <a href="http://www.waukee.k12.ia.us">www.waukee.k12.ia.us</a>	
• West Des Moines	
633-5000 • <a href="http://www.wdm.k12ia.us">www.wdm.k12ia.us</a>	
<b>Sidewalk Permits</b> .....	222-3480
560 S. 16th St. • publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Social Security Offices</b> .....	800-772-1213
<b>Street Light Outages</b>	
MidAmerican Energy .....	1-888-427-5632

<b>Street Repairs/Cleaning</b> .....	222-3480
publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Taxes</b> .....	See Property Tax
<b>Tickets Moving Violations</b>	
• Dallas County .....	993-5816
• Polk County .....	222-3772
• Madison County .....	462-1542
• Warren County .....	961-1032
<b>Parking Violations (non-moving)</b>	
<b>Finance</b> .....	222-3600
<b>Traffic Signals/Street Signs</b> .....	222-3480
publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Trash Collection</b> .....	265-7374
Waste Connections • <a href="http://www.wasteconnections.com">www.wasteconnections.com</a>	
<b>Tree Planting Permits</b> .....	222-3417
parkrec@wdm.iowa.gov	
<b>Utilities Mid American Energy</b>	
Gas & Electric .....	1-888-427-5632
EMERGENCY .....	1-800-595-5325
One Call Line Locator .....	1-800-292-8989
<a href="http://www.midamericanenergy.com">www.midamericanenergy.com</a>	
<b>Valley Junction Foundation</b> .....	222-3642
<b>Vehicle Registration</b>	
..... See Motor Vehicle License Plates/Registration	
<b>Vital Records</b>	
• Dallas County .....	993-5804
• Polk County .....	286-3781
• Madison County .....	462-3771
• Warren County .....	961-1089
<b>Voter Registration</b>	
• Dallas County .....	993-6914
• Polk County .....	286-3080
• Madison County .....	462-3914
• Warren County .....	961-1020
<b>Iowa Elections Division</b> .....	281-8849
<b>Water Treatment Plant</b> .....	222-3465
1505 Railroad Ave.	
<b>West Des Moines Water Works</b> .....	222-3460
Water/Solid Waste, New Service, Service	
Changes/Maintenance .....	4200 Mills Civic Pkwy
<a href="http://www.wdmww.com">www.wdmww.com</a> • <a href="mailto:waterworks@wdmww.com">waterworks@wdmww.com</a>	
<b>Westcom</b>	
• EMERGENCY .....	911
• Dispatch Non-Emergency .....	222-3321
<b>WestPet</b> .....	273-0651
Animal Licenses • <a href="http://www.westpet.org">www.westpet.org</a>	
<b>Yard Waste - Compost IT!</b>	
Waste Management .....	<a href="http://www.wm.com">www.wm.com</a>
General Info/Questions .....	244-7336
Missed Pickup .....	244-7336

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to participate in City activities. Those individuals seeking City services and in need of special accommodations should either contact the department sponsoring the event or the ADA Coordinator.

# WDM Public Library



**Mission Statement:** The WDM Public Library is a relevant and integral part of the community. The library enriches the lives of residents by providing convenient and timely access to information and ideas; by offering engaging activities and opportunities for personal and professional growth; by promoting a love of reading and learning; and by remaining responsive to the changing needs of its users.

## WDM Library *Adult Programs*

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All programs are free and require registration unless otherwise indicated. Registration dates are in brackets. You may register for most programs online at [www.wdmlibrary.org](http://www.wdmlibrary.org).

### WDM WRITER'S CLUB

**2nd & 4th Sat @ 10 am**

Informal meetings for accomplished or aspiring writers – share any form of writing and offer/receive constructive criticism. 2nd Floor Library Conference Rm. 222-3413

### SCRAPBOOK & CARDMAKER CLUB

**Sat, 10 am-4 pm: Apr 2 | May 7 | Jun 4 | Jul 9 | Aug 6**

**Fri, 5pm-11pm: Apr 15, Aug 19**

Whether you're a scrapbooker or a cardmaker, bring a project and your own supplies. (No sales at the event.) We'll provide space, snacks and cutting tools. Library 2nd Floor Classroom. \$1 donation requested. Registration preferred. 222-3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

### "AROUND THE WORLD IN FILM" SERIES

**Tue, Apr 12 6:30-8:30 pm Asia (in Hindi & Urdu)**

The conclusion of our series: discover the cultures of the world through award-winning films shot on the inhabited continents. Films subtitled in English with possible discussion before and after the viewings. Light refreshments. Library Community Rm. List of titles at the Reference Desk or contact Darryl for more information. 222-3409 • [darryl.eschete@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:darryl.eschete@wdm.iowa.gov)

### COLOR CONNECTION: ADULT COLORING CLUB

**Tue at 2 pm: Apr 12 | May 10  
Jun 14 | Jul 12 | Aug 9**

Guaranteed to cure rheumatism, chilblains, toothache, and warts! Okay, not really, but it IS relaxing and F-U-N! We'll have markers, colored pencils, coloring sheets, and cookies (or you can bring your own supplies). Make the color connection! Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Library Community Rm. Ages 18 & up. Registration preferred. 222-3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)



## WDM Library *Adult Programs*



Plant. Grow. Fly.  
BLANK PARK ZOO

### BUTTERFLY GARDENING: PLANT. GROW. FLY.

**Sun, Apr 24 at 3 pm**

Butterflies are beautiful, but more importantly, they benefit our environment. Join wildlife conservationist Jessie Lowry from the Blank Park Zoo as she shows you how easy it is to attract butterflies and bees to your garden. Library Community Rm. Adults & school-age children. Registration preferred. 222-3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

### BEADING BASICS

**Tue, Apr 19 at 6:30 pm**

Learn to wire wrap as we make a simple pair of earrings. Note: must be able to see well enough to thread a needle. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Library 2nd Floor Classroom. Registration required. 222-3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

### CHECKMATES: CHESS AND BOARD GAME CLUB

**Thu from 6:30-8 pm:**

**Apr 28 [4/4] | May 26 [5/2] | Jun 23 [5/31] | Jul 28 [7/5] | Aug 25 [8/1]**

For those who know the basics, we'll provide chess sets and feature a different board game each month. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Library Community Room. Ages 6-adult. Registration preferred. 222-3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

### HOLIDAY CARDMAKING

**Fri, Apr 29 at 6:30 pm: Birthday Cards [Jan 23]**

When you care enough to make it yourself! Make three holiday cards for special friends or family. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Library Community Rm after hours. Registration required. 222-3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

### CLUB READ: ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

**Tue @ 6:30 pm:**

May 3 Whistling Past the Graveyard by Susan Crandall

Jun 7 Calling Me Home by Julie Kibler

Jul 5 A Spot of Bother by Mark Haddo

A few copies are available at the Information Desk or you may bring your own copy. Library 2nd Floor Classroom. Books provided by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. 222-3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)





## WDM Library *Adult Programs*

### CLUB READ SOCIAL

**Tue @ 6:30 pm: Apr 5, Aug 2**

Make new friends! Discover new authors! We'll share what we've all been reading lately! Newcomers welcome. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Library Community Rm. Registration preferred. 222-3403 • wdmlibrary.org

### ADULT SUMMER READING CLUB: EXERCISE YOUR MIND...READ!

**May 23 - Jul 30**

Read to enter weekly drawings! See page 46 for details.

### FRIENDS IOWA AUTHOR SERIES

**Tue at 7 pm (refreshment at 6:30 pm) Apr 26**

**Miyoko Hikiji** – author of *All I Could Be: My Story as a Woman Warrior in Iraq*. Watch for more information on our website or in the West Des Moines Library Times (adult programs flyer) available in the library. 222-3403 • wdmlibrary.org

### OPEN COMPUTER LAB

See Our Website Calendar for Dates & Times

- Need help using the Internet?
- Confused by e-Readers and tablets?
- Having trouble with your email?
- Want to know about our e-Book collections?

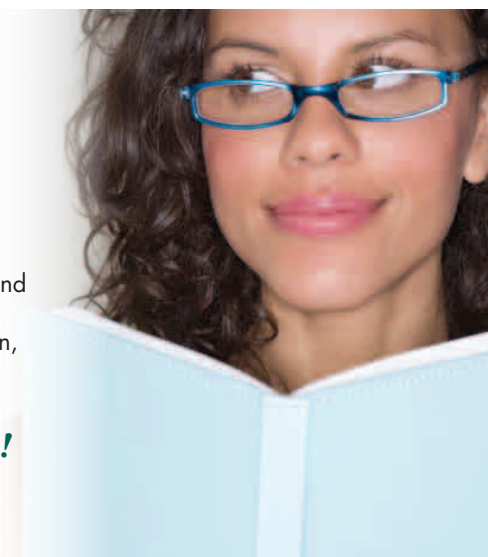
We can help! Practice your computer skills and test out various e-Readers and tablets at your own pace. Ask questions and learn from hands-on experience. Note: Basic computer/mouse skills are assumed. Registration preferred. Sign up online or call 222-3403. Please specify what kind of help is needed (email, e-reader, etc.). Individual appointments also available. Laptop lab and devices provided by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration required. 222-3403 • wdmlibrary.org

## If You Enjoy Our Programs, Please Join The Friends!

Friends memberships pay for many ADULT and TEEN programs:  
Club Read, Holiday Cards, Color Connection, Author Visits, Teen Craft Nights, and more!

### *Donations are tax deductible!*

WDM Library Friends Foundation,  
4000 Mills Civic Pkwy, WDM, IA 50265.  
222-3407 • wdmlibrary.org



## WDM Library *Teen Programs*

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Programs are for ages 12 & up unless otherwise indicated. All programs are free. Advance registration is required unless otherwise indicated. Sign up by phone, online, or at the Reference Desk. 222-3403 wdmlibrary.org



### GROUP SERVICE PROJECTS (VOLUNTEERS)

**Wed 3-5 pm: Apr 1, May 6**

There are two opportunities remaining for students to earn Silver Cord, Community Service, or volunteer hours. A variety of tasks will be performed to help out the library. No experience or training necessary! Ages 14 & up. Space is limited. Registration required. 222-3412 • courtney.bench@wdm.iowa.gov

### TEEN SUMMER VOLUNTEERS (AGES 13 & UP)

The library is always looking for student volunteers, especially during the summer months. Volunteers help out Library staff in many ways including assisting with summer programs, shelving picture books, cleaning shelves, and refilling summer reading supplies. If you are interested in becoming a student volunteer, pick up an application at any service desk or visit the Teen section of the library's website. Requirements: age 13-18 and completion of 7th grade. Positions are limited so turn in your application soon! any service desk • wdmlibrary.org

### TEEN CRAFT NIGHTS

**Thu: 6-8 pm | Library Community Room**

**Apr 14 CD Curtains | May 12 Recycled Vinyl Bags**

Join us for an evening program full of crafting goodness! A variety of crafts will be featured with a different craft every month. Visit the library's website calendar for more info on each program. Teens (ages 12 & up). Registration required. reference desk • 222-3403 • www.wdmlibrary.org.

### TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB: GET IN THE GAME!

**May 23 - Jul 30**

Books...contests...programs...prizes! Sign-up begins May 23. See page 46 for details.

**Check the Library's website for more information on upcoming teen programs.**



# EARLY LITERACY

"Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they actually learn to read and write. It is not the teaching of reading, but is laying the foundation for reading so that when children are taught to read, they are ready." – from Early Literacy Storytimes @ Your Library by Saroh Nadkarni Ghoting and Pamela Maritn-Diaz

## Why is Early Literacy important?

Acquiring early literacy (pre-literacy) skills before school leads to reading achievement and academic success. Children who enter school with well-developed early literacy skills are ready to learn to read.

## What are the Early Literacy Skills?

1. Letter Knowledge – knowing the names and sounds of letters, and recognizing that the same letter can look different (upper vs. lower case, different fonts)
2. Narrative Skills – being able to describe events and tell stories
3. Phonological Awareness – the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds that make up words
4. Print Awareness – noticing print, the ability to handle a book, and understanding how to follow the words on a page
5. Print Motivation – being interested in and enjoying books
6. Vocabulary – knowing the names of things

## What can YOU do to help your child?

- Allow your child time to talk while you listen attentively
- Encourage your child to handle books and "tell" you the story
- Provide an atmosphere that is fun and language rich
- Read often and make reading time an enjoyable time
- Read, sing, talk, and play with your child
- Write and color with your child to develop fine motor skills

## How can the WDM LIBRARY help?

- Ask a librarian for suggestions
- Use one of our many recommended reading lists to find materials your child may enjoy (i.e. 100 Books to Read Before Kindergarten)
- Check out library materials to use at home
- Attend age appropriate library programs (see our Storytime Series)



# APRIL Storytime Series

Registration for our storytime series begins Mon, Apr 4 at 9 am.  
Sign-up is for the entire series of classes. Register in person, by phone, or online.  
children's desk • 222-3405 • wdmlibrary.org.

## MOTHER GOOSE STORYTIME

**Mon @ 9:30, 10 & 10:30 am: Apr 11, 18 & 25 [Apr 4]**

Simple stories, gentle tunes, flannel boards, and nursery rhymes. Each week Jenna will incorporate activities that emphasize and reinforce body part identification, counting, rhythm, sensory stimulation, fine and gross motor skills, and animal sounds. Ages 6 mo-2 yrs w/adult. Registration required.

## NIGHTY-NIGHT DROP-IN STORYTIME

**Mon @ 6:45pm: Apr 11, 18 & 25**

Build a lifetime love of books and reading. Nate shares bedtime stories, sing-along songs, and interactive fingerplays with an early literacy focus. Nighty-Night Storytime follows the Family Storytime format. All ages w/adult. No registration.

## LAPSIT LAMBS

**Tue @ 9:30 & 10:30am: Apr 12, 19 & 26 [Apr 4]**

Using puppets, rhymes, songs, and short stories, Megan will engage baby and caregiver in language-rich activities designed for pre-walking babies. We will spotlight sensory stimulation, animal sounds, fine and gross motor skills, and of course FUN! Includes play ideas that are easily integrated into baby's everyday routine. 1mo. -18 mo. w/adult. Registration required.



## DROP-IN FAMILY STORYTIME

**Wed @ 9:30 am: Apr 13, 20 & 27**

Lights, camera, action! Nate's stories, songs, felt boards, and rhymes set the stage for children to become successful readers. All ages. No registration.

## FAMILY STORYTIME

**Wed @ 10:30 am: Apr 13, 20 & 27 [Apr 4]**

Longer stories and a variety of enriching activities. Nate features picture books, puppets, action rhymes, flannelboard stories, and songs for the whole family. Includes a take-home craft! Ages 2-6 w/adult. Registration required.

## OLIVER'S PUPPY TALES

**Thu @ 10:30 am & 1:30 pm: Apr 14, 21 & 28 [Apr 4]**

Join Amy and Oliver for stories, rhymes, felt boards, music, and movement. Each week we will introduce and develop specific pre-literacy skills and provide effective tools, tips, and techniques for caregivers to try at home. Ages 1-4 w/adult. Registration required.

## DROP-IN OLIVER'S PUPPY TALES

**Fri @ 10:30 am: Apr 15, 22 & 29**

Amy and Oliver present stories, songs, and rhymes followed by playtime to improve social, motor, and sensory skills! All ages. No registration.



# Special Programs

Registration is required for most programs. Sign up begins at 9 am on the date in brackets.  
Register in person, by phone, or online.  
children's desk • 222-3405 • wdmlibrary.org.

## KIDS CLUB READ

**Thu at 4:15 pm:**

**Apr 7 – Maniac Magee**

**May 5 – How to Eat Fried Worms**

**Jun 2 – The Mysterious Benedict Society**

**Thu at 2 pm:**

**Jul 7 – The Fast and the Furriest**

**Aug 4 – Heat**

If you like to read and talk about books, this group is for you! Join us for discussion and activities related to each month's book.

Ages 8-12. Sign up at the Children's Desk.

## BUTTERFLY GARDENING: PLANT. GROW. FLY.

**Sun, Apr 24 at 3 pm**

Butterflies are beautiful, but more importantly, they are beneficial to our environment. Join wildlife conservationist Jessie Lowry from the Blank Park Zoo as she shows you how easy it is to attract butterflies and bees to your garden. Library Community Rm. School-age children w/ adult. Registration preferred.

## AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES

**Wed, Apr 20 at 3:45 pm [Apr 4]**

Embark on a remarkable adventure at the library! ad-ven-ture \ad-ven-cher\ noun  
1. a daring and exciting activity calling for enterprise and enthusiasm. synonyms: exploit, escapade, deed, feat, experience. Library Community Rm. Ages 5-12. Registration required.

## CHECKMATES

**Thu from 6:30-8 pm:**

**Apr 28 [4/4] | May 26 [5/2] | Jun 23 [5/31] | Jul 28 [7/5] | Aug 25 [8/1]**

Chess and Board Game Club – For those who know the basics, we'll provide chess sets and feature a different board game each month. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Library Community Rm. Ages 6-adult. Registration preferred.

## MAY BASKETS

**Fri, Apr 29 at 1:30 pm [Apr 4]**

Celebrate spring and make May baskets to share with your friends! All ages w/adult. Registration required.

## KIDS SUMMER READING CLUB: ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...READ!

**May 23 – Jul 30**

Reading, contests, events, prizes! See page 45 for details.

## REGISTRATION DAY!

**Tue, May 31 at 9 am**

Registration for June programs begins. Register early...programs fill quickly!

## REGISTRATION DAY!

**Tue, July 5 at 9 am**

Registration for July programs begins. Register early...programs fill quickly!

## READING LOGS DUE!

**Fri, July 29**

Summer Reading Club logs are due by 5 p.m.

## KIDS SUMMER READING CLUB: FINAL PARTY!

**Sat, Jul 30**

Turn in your reading log by Fri, Jul 29 to earn a ticket to our final party! More info coming soon!

## TINY TOTS SERIES

**Fri @ 9:30 & 10:30 am:**

**Aug 5, 12, 19 & 26**

Come for a magical music and rhythm class with Deb Paul (of Debbie Doo Wop fame!). Sign up is for all four classes! Please choose one time slot to attend (9:30 or 10:30). Ages 1-6 w/adult. Registration required.

## LAPSIT LAMBS SERIES

**Tue at 9:30 & 10:30 am:**

**Aug 9, 16 & 23**

Using rhymes, stories, music and puppetry, Megan will engage baby and caregiver in language-rich activities designed for prewalking babies. We will spotlight sensory stimulation, animal sounds, fine and gross motor skills, and of course FUN! Includes play ideas that are easily integrated into baby's everyday routine. Stay for a short play time (15 min) after class! Ages 1mo. -18 mo. w/adult. Registration required.

## SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL

**Thu, Aug 11: 9:30 am (Ages 1-4) |**

**10:30 am (Ages 2-6)**

You'll be movin' and groovin' on this hand-clap-pin', foot-stomp-in' morning! All children must attend with a caregiver. Please choose one session (9:30 or 10:30). Registration required.

## LIBRARY PLAY TIME

**Thu, Aug 25 at 10 am**

After the big kids head back to school, bring the little ones to the library for a story, games, a craft, and more – designed for our youngest library fans. Ages 2-6 w/adult. Registration required.

If You Enjoy Our Programs,

Please Join The Friends!

- During the 2014-15 Fiscal Year, the library offered 544 children's programs with 36,500 people attending. Friends memberships pay for many of the special children's programs throughout the year.
- Memberships provide incentives to the 2500 children participating in the Summer Reading Club, which encourages young readers to keep learning when they are not in school.
- Your donation is tax deductible!

## WDM Library Friends Foundation

4000 Mills Civic Pkwy, WDM, IA 50265 • 222-3407 • wdmlibrary.org

## KIDS SUMMER READING CLUB 2016



**Kids Summer Reading Club is sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation.**

## On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!

The WDM Library invites kids of all ages (babies too!) to join our Summer Reading Club (SRC) celebrating sports of all sorts. Enter contests, win prizes, meet your reading goal, and score a ticket to our final party (Sat, Jul 30)! SRC kick-off (sign-up) begins **Mon, May 23.**

### Summer Reading Club Programs:

As you race to your reading finish line, make a pit stop at the library for our special events! Beat the challenges in Survivor, have a ball during Kids Learn to Quilt, and tackle Fantastic Forces with the Science Center of Iowa. Catch winning performances by Juggling Jeff, the Blank Park Zoo, and more!

June program registration begins **Tue, May 31** • July program registration begins **Tue, Jul 5.** Register in person, by phone, or online.  
children's desk • 222-3405 • wdmlibrary.org



## TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB 2016

### Get In the Game!

Get your game on at the library this summer! You can earn great rewards – just by reading, participating in contests, and attending library programs. Register and pick up your reading log at the Reference Desk or sign up and print online at [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org). Teen Summer Reading Club registration starts **Mon, May 23**.

#### Teen Summer Reading Club Programs:

- Laser Tag – Laser tag in the library after hours
- DIY Hacky Sack – Make your own footbag
- Crafty Cinema – Watch a movie while we make stuff
- Old School Games – Wii, DDR, PS2, and tons of board games
- Doctor Who Party – Our annual celebration for Whovians

June program registration begins **Tue, May 31**

July program registration begins **Tue, Jul 5**

Register in person, by phone, or online.

reference desk • 222-3405 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

**Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation!**



## ADULT SUMMER READING CLUB 2016

### Exercise Your Mind...Read!

You know how important it is to exercise your body, but what about your brain?? EXERCISE YOUR MIND...READ! Our Adult Summer Reading Club (SRC) includes weekly prize drawings, displays, and more – just for reading (or listening) to books! So jog your memory, train your brain, and give your mind a mental workout at the WDM Library! Adult SRC registration begins **Mon, May 23**. reference desk • 222-3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

In their article "The Importance of Mental Fitness" Healthline.com lists READ MORE as one of ways to sharpen your mind. Recommendations include:

- Exercise Your Body
- Meditate
- Stop Multitasking
- Think Positive
- Try New Things
- Play Games
- Read More!

*Reading is great for your brain. Even as you're reading this sentence, your brain is processing each word, recalling the meaning instantly. Beyond the mechanics, reading helps you visualize the subject... imagine what voices sound like in dialogue, and more. There are endless genres and types of reading material ... you'll never run out of interesting things to read.*



Look for more SRC information in May!

## WDM Library *services*

All services are **free** unless otherwise indicated.

Questions?  
Call  
**222.3400**

### GET A LIBRARY CARD... IT'S FREE!

Present a valid ID with proof of current address. Residents of WDM, DSM, Ankeny, Clive, Urbandale, and Windsor Heights may apply. Cards are valid for three years (no renewal fee).

### LIBRARY HOURS

(Labor – Memorial Day)

Mon-Thu: 9 am-9pm | Fri: 9 am-6 pm

Sat: 9 am-5 pm\* | Sun: 2 pm-5 pm\*

\*SUMMER HOURS

Sat: 10 am-4 pm | Sun: Closed

Call or check our website for holiday hours.

**222-3400 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**

### ONLINE CATALOG... **[wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**

Access the library catalog 24/7 from the comfort of your home...just follow the link on our website. Reserve items that are checked out, or on the shelf!

### RENEWALS/ ACCOUNT ACCESS BY PHONE

Use your library card number to access a list of titles checked out, including due dates; overdue items; titles on reserve with your position on the waiting list; and charges on your account. You may renew all of your items at once, or renew individual titles if you have the barcodes.

**225-1576 or 225-1586**  
**[wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**

### WE TAKE RESERVATIONS

If the item you want is checked out, use your library card to place a reserve or "hold" on it. Want to read a bestseller? We buy one copy for every six reserves. Holds can be placed by phone or online, and we'll call you when your item comes in. If we don't own the book you need, we can usually buy it, or borrow it from another library within a couple of weeks.

**222-3400 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**

### BOOK CLUB COLLECTION

The library has multiple copies of past Club Read titles available for local book clubs to borrow. Specific titles are listed on our website. Advance reservations required.

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## WE MAKE HOUSECALLS!

If you are a WDM resident, unable to come to the library for health reasons and interested in receiving regular monthly visits from a volunteer, give us a call.

**222-3400**

## WDM LIBRARY FRIENDS FOUNDATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Our community library is fortunate to have the support of the WDM Library Friends Foundation – a volunteer-based, non-profit organization.

- Friends Memberships fund special projects, like the Laptop Lab, and programs for all ages. Contributions mean more books, music, and movies in the collection, so YOU have a better selection.

- Your donations are tax deductible!

### WDM Library Friends Foundation

4000 Mills Civic Pkwy, WDM, IA 50265  
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## BE A VOLUNTEER

Make a difference! We need reliable volunteers, especially in our homebound delivery program (1-2 deliveries per month). Fill out an application at the First Floor Service Desk.

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## BOOK SALE

Don't miss the Friends book sale area (by children's periodicals) to find great bargains from 10¢ magazines to \$1 hardbacks – adult and children's titles. Proceeds benefit library programs and collections. **• 222-3400**

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*See Library Activities pages for adult & children's programs at the WDM Library.*

# WDM Human Services

"The ♥ of the Community"

WDM Human Services has been helping community members since 1979. As a department within the City of West Des Moines, WDM Human Services is a non-profit agency that provides necessary assistance to low-income, elderly and disabled individuals in our service area. Basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, transportation and emergency assistance are a few of the critical services provided by WDM Human Services. For more than 35 years, we have provided support and assistance to community members during emergency and crisis situations to ensure their safety and well-being and to improve or enhance their quality of life. WDM Human Services partners with members of the community to provide support and assistance. If you would like to help us meet our community need, please call 273-0633.



## WDM Human Services *programs*

### Human Services Mission:

"To provide opportunities for citizens to improve and enhance their quality of life and sense of community through the programs and services available."

## TRANSPORTATION

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<b>SENIOR DINNER CLUB</b> Seniors (60+) have the opportunity to enjoy one another's company while they dine at one of our local restaurants.	Trans. Supervisor <b>222-3661</b>	First Tuesday of each month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WDM senior residents.</li> <li>Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.</li> </ul>	Cost of your dinner  Transportation FREE (donations encouraged)



## TRANSPORTATION

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<b>WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER</b> Transportation is available for senior residents of West Des Moines, Clive (Polk County), Windsor Heights and Des Moines (Frisbee area). Along with a nutritious lunch, enjoy several fun daily activities.	Trans. Supervisor <b>222-3661</b>  134 6th St. Westside Community Center	M – F 8am – 4pm Lunch served at 11:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior residents (60+)</li> <li>Reservations required at least 24 hours in advance</li> </ul>	donations encouraged
<b>APPOINTMENTS</b> Transportation is available for necessary medical appointments, recreational group trips, Human Services referral trips and for other trips as time allows (i.e., grocery store, bank)	Trans. Supervisor <b>222-3661</b>	M – F 8am – 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seniors (60+), disabled and low-income residents of WDM</li> <li>Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.</li> </ul>	donations encouraged

## CITIZENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

<b>FRIENDSHIP CONNECTION</b> Friendship Connection is a club for young adults with special needs.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	Thursdays 10am – 11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young adults with special needs</li> </ul>	NONE
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## Friendship Connection

Friendship Connection is offered every Thursday from 10:00am to 11:30am through WDM Human Services. Participants socialize, play games, sing, enjoy refreshments and have fun! Organizations throughout the community also make special presentations on occasion. To learn more, or to register as a participant, volunteer or presenter, please call 222-3660 or visit our website [www.wdm.iowa.gov/HumanServices](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/HumanServices).





## FOOD

WDM Human Services *programs*

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<b>DMARC FOOD PANTRY</b> Food is available at WDM Human Services for households in need.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	M 8:30am - 3pm T 8:30am - 3pm W 8:30am - noon TH 8:30am - 3pm F 8:30am - noon  2nd & 4th Tues of each month 5pm - 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must provide ID for all household members and proof of address</li> </ul>	NONE  <i>Funding for this program is provided by USDA which is an equal opportunity employer.</i>
<b>HOLIDAY FOOD ASSISTANCE</b> Food assistance for the holidays is available to eligible households.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration begins Oct. 3</li> <li>Walk-ins welcome.</li> <li>Deadlines apply.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must meet income criteria of Federal Poverty Guidelines.</li> <li>Must be in our service area.</li> </ul>	NONE
<b>BREAD DISTRIBUTION</b> Donated bakery items are available weekdays for households in need.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	M - F 9am	NONE	NONE
<b>SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM</b> The state of Iowa, in conjunction with WDM Human Services and the WDM Community School District, provides a free summer lunch program to ensure children from low-income homes receive adequate food while not in school.	Human Services staff <b>222-3660</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crestview</li> <li>Legion Park</li> <li>Hillside</li> <li>Stilwell</li> </ul>	Lunches will be served M-F, beginning in June - See website for dates and times.	All children 18 years or younger.	FREE for children 18 years or younger
<b>GARDEN PROGRAM</b> Offset the cost of food and have fun at the same time growing your own garden. Tilling is available to elderly & disabled residents of WDM.	Program Outreach Assistants <b>222-3660</b>	M 8am - 3pm T 8am - 3pm W 8am - noon TH 8am - 3pm  Sign-up in May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must meet income criteria of Federal Poverty Guidelines.</li> <li>Elderly (60+) Disabled (SSI and/or SSA eligible)</li> </ul>	NONE



## HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<b>ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIHEAP)</b> The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps qualifying households with their primary heating costs during the winter.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>  Call for an appointment.	M 8am - 3pm T 8am - 3pm W 8am - noon TH 8am - 3pm  Sign-up through 4/29/16  Sign-up begins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10/3 for seniors and disabled households</li> <li>11/1 for all other households</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low-income households in Western Polk County</li> <li>Social security card &amp; date of birth for all household members</li> <li>Copy of your most recent heating/electric bill</li> <li>13 weeks of verifiable income from all sources for all household members</li> </ul>	NONE
Dallas County Residents receive assistance at the Dallas County Family Development Center, 2814 1st St., Perry, IA 50220 465-5185				
<b>EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE/HOMELESS PREVENTION</b> Emergency Assistance is available to avoid housing evictions and utility disconnections to eligible households.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	M 8am - 3pm T 8am - 3pm W 8am - noon TH 8am - 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low income WDM residents.</li> <li>Residents must show eviction or disconnect notice to qualify.</li> <li>See above energy requirements.</li> </ul>	NONE
<b>ASSISTANCE WITH GOVERNMENT FORMS</b> Government forms are not always easy to fill out. WDM Human Services is here to help. Includes forms for DHS and tax rebates.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	M 8am - 3pm T 8am - 3pm W 8am - noon TH 8am - 3pm	Service area residents.	NONE



## VOLUNTEER TODAY!

West Des Moines Human Services extends a heartfelt **THANKS** to all of the wonderful volunteers who donate their time and talents to help us continue to be the heart of the community. Volunteers are currently needed in the food pantry, clothing closet and at the front desk. If you have a passion for helping those in need, please call **222-3663** or visit [www.wdm.iowa.gov/HumanServices](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/HumanServices).



## YOUTH ASSISTANCE

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<b>YOUTH RECREATIONAL ASSISTANCE</b> Limited scholarships for recreational/educational activities are available to eligible households.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of income</li> <li>• Proof of address</li> <li>• Documented proof of activity costs</li> <li>• Low income</li> <li>• WDM resident</li> </ul>	Varies depending on household income
<b>SCHOOL SUPPLIES</b> School supplies are available on a limited basis in August including classroom supplies and backpacks.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annually in August</li> <li>• Registration begins in July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible low-income residents of WDM</li> </ul>	NONE
<b>HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE</b> Need help with the holidays? Programs are available for qualifying households including Adopt-A-Family and Toys For Tots.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration begins Oct. 3</li> <li>• Walk-ins welcome.</li> <li>• Deadlines apply.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must meet income criteria of Federal Poverty Guidelines.</li> <li>• Must be in our service area.</li> </ul>	NONE
<b>SWIM PASSES</b> Swim passes are available to low-income residents of West Des Moines.	Program Outreach Assistants <b>222-3660</b>	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible low-income residents of WDM</li> </ul>	Reduced Rate



## HOUSING

### HOUSING SOLUTIONS

An intensive housing and supportive services program that works with homeless families to identify and work to overcome barriers preventing them from providing stable or permanent housing for their families.

Housing Solutions Coordinator  
**222-3666**

M – F  
8am – 4pm  
  
Limited availability.

Eligible homeless participants will need to meet HUD homeless guidelines and income criteria.

## CLOTHING CLOSET

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
Gently used clothing articles and housewares are available to those in need on a monthly basis.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	M 8:30am - 3pm T 8:30am - 3pm W 8:30am - noon TH 8:30am - 3pm F 8:30am - noon 2nd & 4th Tues of each month 5pm - 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of income</li> <li>• Proof of address</li> <li>• Service area resident</li> <li>• ID required</li> </ul>	NONE (donations encouraged)

This is a community supported program — donations of clothing and small housewares are always needed.

## LIFE SKILLS

### ESL CLASSES

are provided for individuals whose first language is not English.

Human Services Staff  
**222-3660**

T & TH  
10am – noon

NONE

NONE

## ELDERLY ASSISTANCE

### HANDYMAN/CHORE

Services include lawn mowing, snow removal and minor home repairs for low-income elderly and disabled residents of WDM.

Human Services Staff  
**222-3660**

M – F  
8am – 4pm

- Income - eligible seniors (age 60+) or income-eligible disabled residents of WDM.

- Registration required for new clients.

NONE (donations encouraged)

## CURRENT NEEDS

### Personal Pantry:

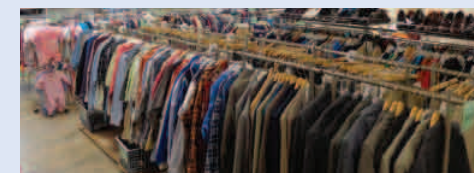
Each month WDM Human Services assists approximately 330 low-income households with personal care products. We need your help to meet the needs in our community. Following is a list of items we need on an on-going basis:

- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste
- Diapers (Sizes 3-6)
- Soap



### Clothing Closet:

Our clothing closet is in need of new or gently used children's, teen, and adult clothing items for the warmer seasons. We also need towels, sheets, blankets and small household items. Clothing Closet donations are accepted Monday through Friday 8:30am – 4pm at 139 6th Street in West Des Moines. Donation receipts are available.







## Free Transportation

West Des Moines residents who are seniors (age 60+), disabled, or low income can receive free transportation to necessary appointments and to the Westside Community Center. Rides are provided with a fleet of four vehicles, three wheelchair accessible buses and one van. The service operates Monday through Friday all year. Transportation is also provided for recreational outings like the "Senior Dinner Club," as well as trips to the bank, grocery store, barber, etc. as time allows. Reservations required 24 hours in advance. Please call 222-3661 for more information, or to schedule a ride.

## Summer Food Service Program

West Des Moines Human Services is pleased to partner with the USDA and the West Des Moines Community School District Nutrition Department to provide the free children's summer lunch program. This lunch program is designed to provide nutritional meals for low-income youth (up to age 18) during the summer months. This year's program will be held at the following locations:

- **American Legion Park** (301 Vine St., WDM) lunch
- **Hillside Elementary** (713 8th St., WDM) breakfast and lunch
- **Crestview Elementary** (8355 Franklin Ave., Clive) breakfast and lunch
- **Stilwell** (1601 Vine St., WDM) breakfast and lunch
- **Valley High School** (3650 Woodland Ave., WDM) breakfast

**Please contact Human Services at 222-3660 for specific dates or visit us on the web at [www.wdm.iowa.gov/HumanServices](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/HumanServices).**



## Expanded Hours!

**WDM Human Services is now open from 5pm – 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.**

Donations can be dropped off at the southeast corner of the building during those hours. Please call 222-3663 for more information.



## WDM Human Services now offering ESL classes

English as a Second Language classes are now being offered at West Des Moines Human Services in partnership with Lutheran Services in Iowa. The beginner-level classes provide instruction in conversational English. The classes take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 am to noon in eight week sessions. Volunteer tutors are needed to assist with the classes. Volunteers will provide small group and one-on-one instruction for adult learners. Knowledge of a second language is not necessary to volunteer.

Call 222-3663 for more information or to register as a student or volunteer!

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As spring approaches, it's only natural to start anticipating warmer weather and all the outdoor activities we enjoy once winter is behind us. It's also time to start thinking about our gardens and the maintenance activities we need to complete in anticipation of the growing season.

As you concentrate on your yard and landscaping, we're also making some improvements to our backyard here at City Hall. In the City Campus Pond Watershed, located next to City Hall and the Library, all the water generated by Mother Nature and approximately 800 property owners in the area flows into the pond. Every drop that doesn't soak into the ground runs off and ends up in the pond and eventually makes its way to other drainage systems.

One of the issues we're addressing is the amount of runoff we have due to the high clay content of the soil around the Campus. In order to reduce runoff and improve the water quality in the pond, we've launched a City Campus Pond Watershed Improvement Project which is being funded by an Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Water Quality Initiative Grant.

To date, we've aerated the ground and applied a rich, black compost to grassy areas to improve the soil and make it less compact. We've also planted 11 acres of native grasses on the slope to the southeast of the pond. Although it may take a year or two to see much progress, our special pollinator seed mix includes a variety of eye-catching native flowers that will help us attract honey bees and butterflies back to the area.

This is a wonderful project to watch unfold at City Hall, and it's encouraging to see so much effort and activity directed toward improving our environment.

On a regional level, we're also seeing some potential changes that may allow us to consider new options for how we recycle

## From The City Manager

yard waste. We've always known that as garbage decomposes, methane gas is created and released into the air. Today, thanks to improvements in the technology of gas collection systems, sanitary landfills are installing methane collection equipment to capture methane and turn it into electricity.

A new law recently took effect in Iowa that allows sanitary landfills with methane collection systems to accept yard waste. Metro Park East Landfill, where most garbage goes in Central Iowa, has been capturing and converting methane into electricity for 20 years.

Although no decision has been made just yet about whether West Des Moines residents will be allowed to put yard waste in with their garbage next year, Metro Waste Authority (MWA) is currently studying the environmental and operational impact of combining garbage and yard waste collection.

This is exciting news because it challenges us to look at how we're currently operating to see if we can find more cost-effective and environmentally friendly ways to provide essential city services.

We're definitely not ready to say goodbye to the Compost It! Program just yet, so please continue to separate your garbage from your yard waste and purchase those Compost It! stickers and bags. Once MWA and cities in the metro finish studying all the potential ramifications of mixing garbage and yard waste, we'll let you know if we'll be moving forward with new collection procedures in 2017. In the meantime, get ready to enjoy another beautiful spring and summer of outdoor fun in West Des Moines!

**Tom Hadden,**  
City Manager



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# WDM Parks & Recreation

## PROGRAM GUIDE



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Registration Starts:

**RESIDENTS**

**Tuesday, March 8  
8am**

**NON RESIDENTS**

**Tuesday, March 22  
8am**

## West Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department Facilities

<b>Administrative Office at WDM City Hall</b> 4200 Mills Civic Parkway	222-3444
<b>Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge</b> 2500 Grand Avenue	222-3424
<b>Raccoon River Park Archery Facility</b> 2500 Grand Avenue	222-3424
<b>Raccoon River Park Dog Park</b> 2500 Grand Avenue	222-3444
<b>Raccoon River Park Softball Complex</b> 2500 Grand Avenue	222-3505
<b>West Des Moines Community Center</b> 217 5th Street	222-3440
<b>Holiday Aquatic Center</b> 1701 Railroad Avenue	273-0700
<b>Holiday Park Baseball Complex</b> 1701 Railroad Avenue	222-3454
<b>Valley View Aquatic Center</b> 255 S. 81st Street	273-0700
<b>West Des Moines Teen Center</b> 1401 Vine Street	202-5169
<b>Jordan Cemetery</b> 2950 Fuller Road	222-3444
<b>Weather Cancellation Hotline</b>	222-3500



### Jordan Cemetery

A resting place for many of the founding families of West Des Moines, Jordan Cemetery is located at 2950 Fuller Road. Jordan Cemetery dates back to 1846 when James Jordan arrived in Polk County and homesteaded in the area. The cemetery is now operated by the Parks & Recreation Department and continues to provide cemetery lots for sale. If you would like information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Office at 222-3444.



## West Des Moines Parks

American Legion Park...	301 Vine St.
Ashawa Park.....	4431 Waterford Dr.
Brookview Park.....	400 81st St.
Crossroads Park.....	5205 Ashworth Rd.
Fairmeadows Park.....	543 22nd St.
Florer Park.....	1410 Locust St.
Holiday Park.....	1701 Railroad Ave.
Huston Ridge Park .....	8455 Coachlight Dr.
Jaycee Park.....	5608 Center St.
Jordan Creek Park.....	310 50th St.
Kiwanis Park.....	3101 Maple St.
Knolls Park .....	5150 Aspen Dr.
Maple Grove Park .....	9350 Chalk St.
Meadowview Park .....	638 Prairie View Dr.

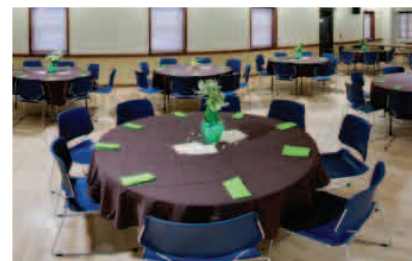
Pearson Park .....	1256 19th St.
Peony Park.....	1100 63rd St.
Quail Cove Park.....	1515 South 52nd St.
Raccoon River Park.....	2500 Grand Ave.
Railroad Park .....	425 Railroad Ave.
Scenic Valley Park.....	1223 South 24th Ct.
Southwoods Park.....	350 South 35th St.
Valley View Park.....	255 81st St.
Western Hills Park .....	4115 Walnut St.
Wild Rose Park.....	6801 Cody Dr.
Willow Springs Park.....	5685 Wistful Vista Dr.
Wilson Park.....	298 9th St.
Woodland Hills Park .....	1230 South 95th St.

### West Des Moines Community Center Rentals

Located in the heart of Valley Junction, the West Des Moines Community Center offers a variety of meeting and social function spaces that can meet your needs. On the first level there are several flexible rooms that can accommodate groups from 20 to 100 people depending on your set up requirements.

The Grand Ballroom is located on the second level of the building which offers space for seated functions for groups as large as 200 people. The Ballroom has recently been updated with a new maple wood floor, ceiling and lighting updates, a fresh coat of paint, and new windows. It is a great space for large family or business dinner affairs as well as wedding receptions.

Give us a call at 222-3440 to check rates and availability today!



### Nature Lodge Rentals

Looking for a room with a view to hold that family function or business meeting? Then the Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge is just the place for you! The Lakeview Room provides a panoramic view of Blue Heron Lake in Raccoon River Park. This unique setting provides a quality experience for your guests to enjoy and offers a variety of spaces and services to make planning your event and easy as one...two...three!

The Lakeview Room accommodates groups as small as 20 people up to sit down functions for 110 people. Our great rental rates make things affordable and works with your budget. We have preferred caterers if you choose to use them, or feel free to make your own arrangements with your caterer. Only beer and wine are allowed at the Lodge.

Give us a call at 222-3424 to check availability!





# PARKS & TRAILS MAP

WEST DES MOINES PARKS & RECREATION



## "IOWA BY TRAIL" APP

available FREE on Apple and Android devices

App features include:

- Interactive map with Points of Interest
- Geo locate position and find closest trail
- Keep track of distance, news and events

## JORDAN CREEK TRAIL



## VALLEY VIEW AQUATIC CENTER



## RACCOON RIVER PARK



THE CITY OF  
West Des Moines  
Parks & Recreation Department

- |                         |                       |                |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Existing Trail          | Planned Trail         | City Hall      |
| Jordan Creek Trail      | Trail Distance Marker | Hospital       |
| On-Street Bike Facility | Library               | Fire Station   |
|                         |                       | Police Station |

- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Nature Lodge        | 6 Loop Trail       |
| 2 Boardwalk           | 7 Pond Park        |
| 3 Playground          | 8 Softball Complex |
| 4 Cannonball Shelters | 9 Archery Facility |
| 5 Beach               | 10 Open Lawn       |





### Looking for a loop trail? Try

- Raccoon River Park Trail  
3.2 miles
- City/School Campus Trail  
.52 miles
- Maple Grove Park Trail  
.52 miles
- Quail Cove Park Trail  
.46 miles
- Wild Rose Park Trail  
.40 miles
- Willow Springs Park Trail  
.38 miles
- Scenic Valley Park Trail  
.35 miles
- Peony Park Trail  
.35 miles
- Jaycee Park Trail  
.33 miles



West Des Moines maintains over 1200 acres of park land and open space. There are a total of 27 parks located throughout the city that range in size from 1 1/2 acre Kiwanis Park to 632 acre Raccoon River Park.

There are over 50 miles of trails in WDM with Jordan Creek Trail serving as the main spine of the trail system. Jordan Creek Trail is 6.75 miles long and connects Raccoon River Park in the east to Valley View Park in the west.

# Raccoon River Dog Park

## Dogs in Parks

For the safety and well-being of all park visitors and for the safety of your dog, please remember that the **ONLY** place that dogs are allowed to be off-leash in the City's parks is the Raccoon River Dog Park. In all other parks, rules and regulations require that dogs be on a leash not more than 10 feet long.

Also, please be considerate to other park visitors and clean up after your dog. Waste bags are provided in Raccoon River Park along the trail. Remember to bring a bag with you to all other parks and trails. We appreciate responsible pet owners!

**Dog park permits are now on sale! Don't miss out on the fun!**

### Mail-In

Go to [www.wdm.iowa.gov/DogPark](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/DogPark) download the application form, complete it and mail the form, a copy of rabies & distemper/parvo vaccination records and payment to the address on the form.

### Walk-In

Stop by one of the following locations. Be sure to bring your dog's records showing current rabies & distemper/parvo vaccinations.

### WDM Parks & Recreation Administration

4200 Mills Civic Parkway – 1B  
8am – 5pm, Monday-Friday

### Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge

2500 Grand Avenue  
8am – 5pm, Monday-Friday  
Evening/Weekend Hours –  
Call 222-3424

Permit	WDM Resident	Non-Resident
Annual	\$20	\$40
Daily	\$5	\$5

Raccoon River  
Dog Park





# Raccoon River Park Archery Facility

The facility is the first of its kind in Iowa and features:

- Enclosure walls/fencing
- Overhead 'arrow curtains'
- Shelter over shooting area
- Staging area
- 12 shooting lanes
- Target blocks up to 40 yards distance

Learn more about the facility and download permit forms at [www.wdm.iowa.gov/Archery](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/Archery). Questions? (515) 222-3444 or [ParkRec@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:ParkRec@wdm.iowa.gov)

Annual Permit	WDM Resident	Non-Resident
Adult	\$20	\$40
Youth (15 & Under)	\$10	\$20
Daily Permit	WDM Resident	Non-Resident
Adult	\$5	\$5
Youth (15 & Under)	\$5	\$5

Permits can be purchased at the following locations:

- **West Des Moines Parks & Recreation Office**  
4200 Mills Civic Pkwy, Suite 1B, West Des Moines  
Phone: 222-3444 | Fax: 222-3459  
Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm
- **Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge**  
2500 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines  
Phone: 222-3424 | Fax: 222-3658  
Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm, call for evening/weekend hours



## Using the Facility

- A permit is required for each person shooting arrows.
- The Archery Facility is open daily for use from dawn to dusk.
- Archers must supply their own equipment and paper targets.
- Children 15 and under must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Stationary target blocks are provided; each serves 2 lanes.
- To increase the life of target blocks, use pins to attach paper targets and aim for different areas. No broadheads allowed.

See pages 16 and 32 for Archery programs

## GRAND OPENING 2016 ART ON THE CAMPUS

You Are Invited to Join the West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission and Parks & Recreation Department as we celebrate the Grand Opening of the 2016 temporary Art on the Campus exhibit.

DAY	Thursday
DATE	April 28
TIME	4:30pm
LOCATION	City/School Campus 4200 Mills Civic Parkway
AGES	ALL
FEE	FREE



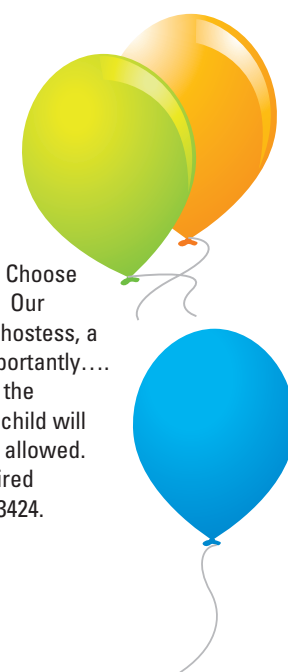
## BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT THE NATURE LODGE

Birthdays are special, and we have some great ways to celebrate them! Choose from various themes and locations, and leave the planning details to us! Our parties include: set up, a reserved space for your event, a party host or hostess, a theme related activity, cake, ice cream, juice, paper goods, and most importantly... the clean up! All parties cost \$110 for the first 12 participants (including the birthday child) and are two hours in length. An additional fee of \$10 per child will be charged for parties larger than 12, with a maximum of 15 participants allowed. \*PLEASE NOTE: All party participants must meet the minimum age required for each specific party!\* To schedule your special date, please call 222-3424. Reservations must be made at least 2 weeks in advance.

THEME	AGE (of all party participants)
Amazing Animals	4-7
Frozen	4-7
Sports of All Sorts	4-7
Flower Power	5-7
Pirate Party	5-7
Pajama Party	5-7

Party fees and themes are effective April 18th

For Birthday Parties at WDM Aquatic Centers please see **p59**





## EARTH DAY FAMILY FUN FAIR

Do you love the outdoors or have a great sense of adventure? If so, the Earth Day Family Fun Fair could be the perfect place for you! Please join us for canoeing, kayaking, fishing, EARTH themed arts and crafts, and games. This event will be educational and fun for the family with activities for all ages. In case of inclement weather, we will move indoors. And did we mention that it's FREE? Come help us celebrate the EARTH today! Always remember, "A Clean Earth is a Happy Earth" so come and enjoy the morning!

DAY	Saturday
DATE	April 23
TIME	9am – 12pm
LOCATION	City Hall Pond (4200 Mills Civic Pkwy)
AGES	All
FEE	FREE



## NATIONAL BICYCLE MONTH IN VALLEY JUNCTION

Celebrate National Bicycle Month in Valley Junction on May 12. Various vendors will be on hand to answer all your bicycle questions while you enjoy the traditional Farmers Market. Special bicycle parking will be available for those who ride to the event.

For more information check out the Historical Valley Junction Foundation web page at: [www.valleyjunction.com](http://www.valleyjunction.com) or call (515) 222-3642.



DAY	Thursday
DATE	May 12
TIME	4pm – 8pm
LOCATION	The 300 block of 5th Street in Valley Junction
AGES	All
FEE	FREE

## MAYOR'S BIKE RIDE



Please join the City of West Des Moines' Mayor, Steve Gaer, for a morning of cycling in the City of West Des Moines. Three different routes are set for you to enjoy the City's cycling amenities. Enjoy a recreational 4 mile trail loop or challenge yourself on the 10 or 24 mile on-street route which takes you through various terrains and parts of the City. Routes start and stop at City Hall. (Routes and distances subject to change) All registered participants will receive an event t-shirt.

DAY	Saturday
DATE	May 14
TIME	9am
LOCATION	Starts at WDM City Hall 4200 Mills Civic Parkway
AGES	6+
PROGRAM #	15621
FEE	\$10 per rider

*The event is "Ride at your own Risk". All rules and regulations outlined in the West Des Moines, Iowa: City Code, Title 6 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Chapter 11: BICYCLES shall apply. ([www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov))*





# DISCOVER DECORATION DAY

Discover the history behind Decoration Day by joining the West Des Moines Historical Society and Parks & Recreation Department at the Historic Jordan House and Jordan Cemetery. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, grab a free ice cream treat, and sit back to enjoy the Civil War era tunes played by the West Des Moines Community Band. While there, children can make a tissue paper poppy, a historical symbol used for decades to decorate the graves of fallen veterans. Tours of Jordan House will be held at 1pm and 3pm for a minimal fee. After the concert, guests are invited to walk ½ mile to historic Jordan Cemetery. Limited parking is available at the cemetery for those needing to drive. While there grab an educational brochure, complete with a map, that will guide you to the gravesites of notable WDM citizens. This event will be a great way to teach children and adults alike the true purpose of Memorial Day!

DAY	Sunday	
DATE	May 22 (No Rain Date)	
LOCATION	Jordan House (2001 Fuller Rd.) Jordan Cemetery (2950 Fuller Rd.)	
EVENT	TIMES	FEE
Jordan House Tours	1pm and 3pm	\$5 Adults, \$3 Students (K-12)
WDM Community Band Concert	2pm	FREE
Jordan Cemetery Tour	3pm	FREE



# FAMILY FUN NIGHT IN VALLEY JUNCTION

Get out of the house and enjoy some good old fashion fun with the West Des Moines Library and Parks & Recreation Department! We will be on 5th Street during the Valley Junction Farmer's Market with a variety of FREE activities for the entire family to enjoy. Highlights include: inflatables, a balloon artist and face painting! Come join the FUN at this family friendly event.

DAY	Thursday
DATE	June 9
TIME	4pm – 7pm
LOCATION	The 300 block of 5th Street in Valley Junction
AGES	ALL
FEE	FREE



# PRINCESS AND PIRATE SPLASH BASH

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! and Yo Ho Ho! All princesses across the land and pirates of the sea are invited to kick off summer with a spectacular SPLASH BASH at Valley View Aquatic Center!! We've enlisted our friends from Little Princess Parties to provide "The Little Mermaid" and five of her princess and mermaid friends. They will swim and pose for photos with you. (Be sure to bring your camera!) A mighty Pirate will also be shipwrecked on our pool deck for photos. This event is sure to be a crowd pleaser for the entire family! Join us as we welcome summer!

DAY	Saturday
DATE	June 18
TIME	6:30pm – 8pm
LOCATION	Valley View Aquatic Center
AGES	FEE
3 – adult	\$15
2 and under	FREE
PROGRAM #	15619

*(Please note: Because this is considered a ticketed special event that is offered after public open swim, aquatic season passes will not be honored for admission.)*



# INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS

## INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Parade entry information will be available starting in early May. To have entry information mailed to you please call 222-3444. The parade will be limited to the first 75 entries.

DAY	Sunday
DATE	July 3
LINE-UP	5:15pm
PARADE STARTS	6:30pm

Sponsored by



**NEW!**

## ALL IOWA BASH!

Will be held in Valley Junction throughout **July 3rd**. For more information visit [www.valleyjunction.com](http://www.valleyjunction.com) or call (515) 222-3642.

## HOLIDAY CLASSIC HORSESHOE TOURNEY

For information contact the WDM Horseshoe Pitchers Association at 681-1937.

DAY	Monday
DATE	July 4
TIME	9am – 1pm
LOCATION	Holiday Park

## JULY 4TH COLORING CONTEST

Pick up a copy of the July 4th Coloring Contest sheet at any of these locations: WDM Community Center, Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge, Valley View Aquatic Center, Holiday Aquatic Center, or WDM City Hall. The coloring sheet can also be downloaded to print at [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov). Contest is for children ages 3-10. One winner from each age division will be picked to receive a \$5 gift certificate to a WDM Aquatic Center concession stand.

Coloring sheets will be available starting June 6, 2016. The deadline for submissions will be Friday, July 1 at 5pm. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, July 5. Prizes will be mailed shortly after July 5.



## JULY 4TH AQUATIC CENTER SPECIAL

DAY	Monday
DATE	July 4
TIME	12pm – 6pm
ADMISSION	\$3 per person

## 34TH ANNUAL MUD VOLLEYBALL TOURNNEY

DAY	Monday
DATE	July 4
TIME	Tourney Begins 8am

Pre-registration required. Call WDM Fire Department at **222-3420** for more information.

## COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

DAY	Monday
DATE	July 4
TIME	7pm
LOCATION	Coneflower Shelters at Raccoon River Park 2500 Grand Ave.

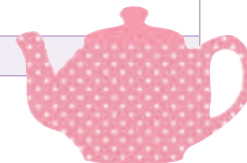
**FIREWORKS DISPLAY**  
**JULY 4TH — THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY**  
**WILL START AT DUSK OVER BLUE**  
**HERON LAKE IN RACCOON RIVER**  
**PARK, 2500 GRAND AVE. • WDM**

## American Girl Doll Tea – Stirring up Success!

Calling all American Girl Doll Fans! Gather your circle of friends and your dolls and join the West Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department for a delicious tea at the Nature Lodge. Our theme for this event will feature PARIS, FRANCE as we honor “Grace” who stirred up success to save her Grandparent’s bakery. We’ll have a wide variety of delicious treats and beverages, sure to spoil your appetite. There will be a guest speaker, followed by a table activity and a make and take-home craft. Join us for this elegant event. Bon appetit.



DAYS	Saturday
DATE	July 30
TIME	9am – 11am
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	4+
FEE	\$12 per person
PROGRAM #	15620



## SKATEBOARD-XTREME CHALLENGE

### A Skateboard Competition

(Co-sponsored by the cities of Urbandale, West Des Moines, and Clive) All ages welcome! Competition will be divided by age level. This skateboard competition is a great chance for skateboarders to show their stuff and win great prizes.

DAY	Saturday
DATE	August 6
TIME	Competition begins at 11am
LOCATION	Urbandale Skateboard Park, located in Walker Johnston Park (9000 Douglas Ave., Urbandale)
AGES	ALL
FEE	FREE

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Saturday,**  
**September 24**

**IllumiFest**  
 a Fall Festival of light





**YOGA ON THE LAWN**

Get your Sunday off to a great start with some Yoga on the Lawn! This FREE program is a great introduction to Yoga for the beginner and offers new challenges for seasoned yogis. Each week a volunteer instructor from a local studio will lead the group in a great morning stretch! Bring a water bottle and yoga mat.

DAYS	Sundays
DATE	June 5 – August 28
TIME	9am
LOCATION	North lawn at WDM City Hall (4200 Mills Civic Parkway)
AGES	6+
FEE	Free

**ARCHERY, GIVE IT A “SHOT”!**

Have you thought about trying archery, but you don’t have any equipment? These family events are planned just for you! Come to the archery facility at Raccoon River Park to give it a try. We will provide the bows, arrows and instruction for you to try this exciting sport. This activity is free, but registration is required and limited to 35 people.

DAYS	DATES	TIMES	PROGRAM #
Thursday	April 28	5:30pm – 7pm	15552
Tuesday	May 17	5:30pm – 7pm	15553
Wednesday	June 22	5:30pm – 7pm	15554
Saturday	July 16	9:30am – 11am	15555
AGES	6+		

LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Archery Facility
FEE	Free

<b>ADULT ONLY CLASSES</b>			
DAYS	DATES	TIMES	PROGRAM #
Tuesday	April 26	1pm – 2:30pm	15556
Wednesday	May 18	2:30pm – 4pm	15574



**HUNTER EDUCATION**

Anyone born after January 1, 1972 is required to complete a 12 hour Hunter Safety Course before they can obtain an Iowa hunting license. The two-day course includes instruction on safe handling of firearms and archery equipment, as well as information on hunter ethics, conservation management and hunting regulations.



DAYS	DATES	TIMES
Must attend both days		
Thursday	August 25	6pm – 9pm
Saturday	August 27	8am – 5pm
(please bring a sack lunch on Saturday)		
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	12+	
FEE	Free	
TO REGISTER	<a href="http://www.iowadnr.gov/training">http://www.iowadnr.gov/training</a>	



Catch Des Moines active. Outdoor exploration. Biking trails and water slides. Experience edge-of-your-seat sports action. The thrill of crossing the finish line. The excitement of cheering in the stands. The connection with nature. Choose your journey. Watch. Do. Engage with health and wellness. It’s all here in Greater Des Moines!



[catchdesmoinesactive.com](http://catchdesmoinesactive.com)



## STORY HOUR AT THE PARK

Join the West Des Moines Parks & Recreation staff for an hour of story power! Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy as our Naturalist shares nature books, stories and games.

DAYS	Tuesdays
DATES	May 3, 10, 17, 24
TIME	12pm – 1pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	ALL
FEE	FREE



## FAIRYTALE TIME IN THE PARK!

Come experience your community park and join the West Des Moines Parks & Recreation staff for a story and a snack or craft. Bring a blanket and a friend! \*Childcare providers – Please let us know if you are bringing your group so we can be sure to have enough supplies for all participants.

DAYS	Fridays
DATES	LOCATION
June 10	Legion
June 17	Quail Cove
June 24	Ashawa
July 1	Huston Ridge
July 8	Jaycee
July 15	Wild Rose
July 22	Kiwanis
July 29	Meadowview
August 5	Pearson
TIME	10:30am – 11:15am
AGES	ALL
FEE	FREE

# MARTIAL ARTS

## TAE-KWON-DO/KARATE

The Korean art of self defense, Tae-Kwon-Do, is recognized as a beneficial method of improving health, balance, agility and poise. As a philosophy of mental alertness and moral ethics, TKD can serve to enhance anyone's life young or old. Beginner classes are for white through green belts. Intermediate/Advanced classes are for green belts and up.

DATES	June 7 – August 2
<b>BEGINNER CLASS</b>	
DAYS	TIME
Tuesdays	6:30pm – 7:30pm
PROGRAM #	15237
FEE	\$41
<b>INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED CLASS</b>	
DAYS	TIME
Tuesdays	7:30pm – 8:30pm
PROGRAM #	15238
FEE	\$41

### TAE-KWON-DO/ KARATE LITTLE NINJAS INSTRUCTOR:

**Phil Dickey:**

Fifth Degree Black Belt in Karate,  
Fourth Degree Black Belt in Tae-Kwon-Do, International Martial Arts Hall of Fame Inductee.

LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	6+
REGISTER BY	One week before the session starts

## LITTLE NINJAS

Join our early childhood program designed to teach the basic fundamentals of both Tae-Kwon-Do and Karate. This class will focus on building self-respect, self-confidence, coordination of mind and body, and self-discipline.

DATES	June 7 – August 2		
DAYS	TIME	PROGRAM #	FEE
Tuesdays	5:30pm – 6pm	15241	\$28
Tuesdays	6pm – 6:30pm	15242	\$28
LOCATION	WDM Community Center		
AGES	4 – 5		
REGISTER BY	One week before the session starts		





# BURNT MARSHMALLOW DAY CAMP



Each session of Burnt Marshmallow Day Camp is specifically designed for ages 4 to 6, with a variety of activities that include: games, songs, stories, sharing, crafts, visits from special guests, and field trips. Each camper receives a t-shirt with their registration. Burnt Marshmallow Day Camp is led by one Camp Director and two assistants. Registration is limited to 20 children per session, so sign up early. \*Each camper is asked to bring a sack lunch every day, with the exception of Thursday, when WDM Parks & Recreation will be providing a "Burnt Marshmallow" Cookout.

## STAR WARS

June 13 – 17  
15606

Join our crew and BLAST OFF into a week of high adventure! Our mission will be to explore far away galaxies and learn about outer space. We'll make our own light sabers and "Darth Vader" masks. This week our activities will allow your mind to travel into creative dimensions. Our special field trip will be to the Science Center of Iowa, where we'll tour the planets and see the stars. "What on Earth..." could be better?



## MY LITTLE PONY

June 20 – 24  
15607

Calling all Cowboys and Cowgirls! Have you ever wondered what life would be like living on a farm? What type of animals would we see? We'll do plenty of "horsing around" this week as we create, discover and imagine life in Ponyville. We'll feature a different Ponypal each day, and discover why "Friendship is Magic!" Our field trip will take us out to the Jester Park Equestrian Center. Giddy UP!



## LITTLE MERMAIDS AND WONDERFUL WHALES

June 27 – July 1  
15609

This week we will journey "Under the Sea" for a whale of a good time at the Pearson Park beach house! We'll make our own water slide, and learn how to turn your backyard into a slippery, silly water wonderland! Pack your swim suits and plan to get wet. The highlight of our week will be the private use of Valley View Aquatic Center... including all the spray and splash features of the leisure pool!



## THE ADVENTURES OF CURIOUS GEORGE

July 5 – 8

15610 \*\*No class on Monday, July 4th, the fees are pro-rated this week. No monkey business here....we'll swing into an action-packed week of monkey-games and excitement! Find out about good sportsmanship, sharing, and play a different game or sport each day! We'll do craft projects and make a special treat with bananas. The "man in the big yellow hat" will encourage us to play fair, and have fun! Our active, monkey-themed field trip will take us to Monkey Joe's on Friday!



## FROZEN

July 11 – 15  
15611

"Do you wanna build a snowman?" It may be summer outside, but our theme this week features things that are cold and FROZEN! Join us as we create various types of Olaf snowmen, and feature some of the adventures of Anna, Elsa, Kristoff and Sven! We'll focus on acts of kindness this week and make friendship bracelets. Our field trip will take us ICE SKATING where it will be nice and cool inside. Join the FROZEN phenomenon as we feature activities from one of Disney's more popular movies.



## STAR WARS II

July 18 – 22  
15612

Because of the popularity of our STAR WARS camp, we added a second week! This is a repeat of themes and activities from the first week, just a second offering. Join our crew and BLAST OFF into a week of high adventure! Our mission will be to explore far away galaxies and learn about outer space. We'll make our own light sabers and "Darth Vader" masks. This week our activities will allow your mind to travel into creative dimensions. Our special field trip will be to the Science Center of Iowa, where we'll tour the planets and see the stars. "What on Earth..." could be better?



## MICKEY AND MINNIE'S CLUBHOUSE

July 25 – 29  
15613

"Oh, TODDLES!" Everything is more fun when Mickey and Minnie are involved!



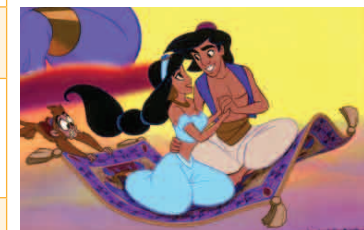
This week we'll explore the fascinating wonders of floating, flying and bouncing objects. What goes up must come down. We'll play several games with balloons and balls and try to keep them up in the air. We'll fly a kite and make paper airplanes. See how high you can bounce and jump as you take flight at "Pump It Up" on Friday.

TIME	9am – 12pm
AGES	4 – 6
LOCATION	Pearson Park (19th & Pleasant Street)
FEE	\$69 per week * \$56 the week of July 5th (No class on Monday, July 4)
REGISTER BY	1 week prior to each session

## ONCE UPON A TIME...

August 1 – 5  
15614

Just as all good stories begin with the phrase, "Once Upon a Time..." so will our week. We're featuring several of our favorite prince and princesses this week as we discover the wonderful world of imagination. We'll build Cinderella's sand castle and dress up like Knights in Shining Armor. We'll have a tea party with Mrs. Pots and Chip and ride Aladdin's magic carpet! "Be Our Guest" on Friday as we watch an animated mouse come to life at Chuck E. Cheese.



## NATURE CLASS FOR CHILDREN 3-5

### Uncle Ikes NATURE PROGRAMS

The purpose of the Uncle Ikes program is to give children the opportunity to learn about Iowa's natural resources, environment and outdoor recreation. It is hoped that children who attend will gain an increased awareness about the earth and will learn to make responsible environmental decisions as they grow. Non-residents of West Des Moines are eligible to register for these programs at the same time residents are allowed to register. These programs are co-sponsored by WDM Parks & Recreation, Polk County Conservation Board and the Izaak Walton League Des Moines Chapter.



### NATURE FRIENDS - PRESCHOOLERS EXPLORING NATURE

#### Nature Class for children 3-5 with an adult

We will explore a different nature topic each evening through stories, sharing time, guided exploration, and art activities. Snacks will be provided.

Participate in a Park Passport Program. Attend five different programs, each located at a different park and receive a Nature Friend Explorer pack. Participants must record program name, location and date with the speaker's initials on their passport. Turn the passport in at the office at Jester Park or Raccoon River Nature Lodge to receive your Nature Friend Explorer pack. One Nature Friend Explorer pack per child please.

Day	Date	Location	Program Name	Program #
Mon.	May 9	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	Rrrribbitt	15230
Tues.	May 24	Jester Park Shelter #6	Feathered Friends	15229
Mon.	June 6	Jester Park, Shelter by Lodge	Rock Collecting	15228
Tues.	June 21	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	Fishing	15227
Tues.	July 12	Jester Park Shelter #6	Grandfather Buffalo	15226
Tues.	July 26	Pearson Park	Wiggly Worms	15225
Mon.	Aug. 8	Fort Des Moines #2	Beaver Buddies	15232
Tues.	Aug. 23	Southwoods Park	Incredible Insects	15231
<b>Time</b>	6:30pm – 7:30pm			
<b>Ages</b>	3 – 5 and an adult			
<b>Fee</b>	\$7			

### BEGINNERS TWIRL CAMP

Sign your child up for this very popular program! Let them experience the thrill of learning to twirl the baton. Your child will learn the basics of baton twirling each day of the camp. A special highlight of the program will be the opportunity for the campers to show off their new-found skill as they march together in the West Des Moines Independence Day Parade (held on July 3rd). A t-shirt and baton are included in the program fee. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity!

DAYS	Monday – Friday	
DATES	June 27 – July 1	
AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #
5 – 7	10:30am – 11:15am	15177
8 – 10	11:15am – 12:15pm	15178
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
FEE	\$49	

### INTERMEDIATE TWIRL CAMP

Did your child participate in Twirl Camp in previous summers? Does she want to build upon what she already learned? This program is the follow-up to the Beginners Twirl Camp. Your child will learn intermediate skills involved with baton twirling each day of the camp. And once again campers will get to show off their perfected skill as they march in the West Des Moines Independence Day Parade (held on July 3rd). A t-shirt is included in the program fee. **Participants should use the baton they used in previous summers or are responsible for purchasing a new one to fit their measurements.**

DAYS	Monday – Friday	
DATES	June 27 – July 1	
TIME	1pm – 2pm	
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	6-13	
FEE	\$25	
PROGRAM #	15179	





## The Right Start... Start Smart

Start Smart Programs will be held once a week for 5 weeks, and each week the exercises become increasingly more difficult as the class progresses and the children show improvement. All supplies needed for Start Smart programs are provided at the first class and are included in the program fee.

**Please note that this program is not a competitive game setting. Skills are taught in stations each week.**

**A parent is required to attend and participate each week. It is recommended that non-registered siblings do not attend as it makes it difficult for parents to fully participate in the program.**



Tennis			
DAY	Mondays		
DATES	PROGRAM #		
June 6 – July 11 (No class July 4)	15180		
July 18 – August 15	15181		
TIME	5:30pm – 6:30pm		
LOCATION	Jaycee Park Tennis Courts		
AGES	5 – 7		
FEE	\$55		
MAXIMUM	10		

Soccer			
DAY	Tuesdays		
DATES	TIME	AGES	PROGRAM #
June 7 – July 5	5:30pm – 6:30pm	3-4	15182
June 7 – July 5	6:30pm – 7:30pm	5-6	15183
July 19 – August 16	5:30pm – 6:30pm	3-4	15184
July 19 – August 16	6:30pm – 7:30pm	5-6	15185
LOCATION	Peony Park		
FEE	\$59		
MAXIMUM	20		



Baseball			
DAY	Wednesdays		
DATES	TIME	AGES	PROGRAM #
June 8 – July 6	5:30pm – 6:30pm	3-4	15186
June 8 – July 6	6:30pm – 7:30pm	5-6	15187
July 20 – August 17	5:30pm – 6:30pm	3-4	15188
July 20 – August 17	6:30pm – 7:30pm	5-6	15189
LOCATION	Willow Springs Park		
FEE	\$59		
MAXIMUM	20		

## WEATHER HOTLINE: 222-3500

Information regarding cancellation of sessions will be posted after 4pm the day of the session.

## FIRST STEPS DANCE CLASSES

First Steps Dance classes are designed to introduce children to the fundamental skills of dance at a cost and time commitment that is minimal to parents. All classes are led by Josalynn Agnew, an instructor with many years of studio experience.

Let your child learn basic dance movements in a non-threatening, recreational environment!

- 3-4 year olds will receive instruction in ballet and jazz.
- 5-7 year olds will receive instruction in ballet, jazz, and tap.

No special shoes are required.

DAY	Tuesdays	
DATES	April 19 – May 24	
AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #
3 – 4	5:30pm – 6pm	15220
3 – 4	6pm – 6:30pm	15221
5 – 7	6:30pm – 7:30pm	15222
LOCATION	WDM Community Center	
FEE	\$39	





## PEEWEE T-BALL

Are you looking for a way to introduce softball or baseball to your 5-7 year old but don't want to enroll them in a program that is too competitive or time-consuming? Register them for our youth sports program, PeeWee T-Ball! This program is designed as a fun way for children to learn the basics of softball and baseball. Our staff will help guide each team through the fundamentals of hitting, catching, fielding, and base running. Teams are determined upon arrival each night of play.

DAYS	Thursdays	
DATES	June 9 – July 7	
AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #
5 – 6	5:30pm – 6:30pm	15190
6 – 7	6:30pm – 7:30pm	15191
DATES	July 21 – August 18	
AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #
5 – 6	5:30pm – 6:30pm	15192
6 – 7	6:30pm – 7:30pm	15193
LOCATION	Legion Park Ball Diamond	
MAXIMUM	20 per session	
FEE	\$55	

### Basic Game Format:

- No score kept
- No strike-outs
- No walks
- No pitching (only a tee will be used)
- 4 innings = standard game
- 1 inning = all players batting through

### Supplies To Bring:

- Tennis shoes
- Glove
- Water bottle
- Program Jersey  
(handed out on 1st night of play)

### Supplies Provided:

- Bats
- Balls
- Tee
- Bases



## CYCLE INTO SUMMER

Here is a camp for the younger child who loves to ride bikes! They will explore the bike trails of West Des Moines. The trails are nice and flat, so one speed bikes are fine, but each day we will be riding 5-6 miles. Bike helmets required!

DAYS	Thursday & Friday
DATES	June 23 & 24
TIME	9am – 2pm
LOCATION	TBA
AGES	7 – 9
FEE	\$35
PROGRAM #	15557

## BIKE BASH

Does your child love to bike? If so, this may be the camp for them. They will spend two days exploring the bike trails of Des Moines and West Des Moines. They will bike the trails of Greenwood Park, Waterworks, Grays Lake and Jordan Creek. There will be lots of time for picnics, splashing in the creek, learning basic bike maintenance, and relaxing rides. Bike helmets required!

DAYS	Thursday & Friday
DATES	July 14 & 15
TIME	9am – 4pm
LOCATION	TBA
AGES	10 – 12
FEE	\$49
PROGRAM #	15558



# SUMMER CAMPS

## KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Kids in the Kitchen is an introduction to cooking for young boys and girls. Children involved in the preparation of their meals prove to be healthier eaters, so start them on the right path with this three week program! The students will be taught everything from mixing and measuring to kitchen safety. Each class the children will make a snack while learning kitchen basics and cooking techniques. Please feel free to bring an apron to protect clothing from any kitchen messes!



DAYS	Tuesdays and Thursdays	
DATES	July 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28	
GRADES	TIME	PROGRAM #
Completed K-1	4pm – 5pm	15617
Completed 2-3	5:30pm – 6:30pm	15618
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
FEE	\$29	

## NATURE EXPLORERS

Join the West Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources as we co-sponsor this camp held at Walnut Woods State Park. Here, your child will explore their natural surroundings to find materials for some cool crafts and learn about nature with games, hikes and songs. A cookout on Thursday will end this fun filled week!

DAYS	Monday – Thursday	
DATES	June 13 – 16	
TIME	9am – 12pm	
LOCATION	Walnut Woods State Park Lodge 3155 Walnut Woods Drive, WDM	
AGES	6 – 8	
FEE	\$44 (Includes camp t-shirt)	
PROGRAM #	15233	



## CREEPY CRAWLERS CAMP

This week is for kids who love to hunt insects, pick up worms and play in the creek. Your child will have lots of fun learning as we go on frog hunts, insect safaris and look under every rock or trash can for “cool” critters!

DAYS	Wednesday – Friday	
DATES	July 20 – 22	
TIME	9am – 12pm	
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	6 – 8	
FEE	\$39 (Includes camp t-shirt)	
PROGRAM #	15234	



## MYTH BUSTER CAMP

Can eggs cook on a sidewalk on a hot summer day? Can you dissolve a metal screw with cola? Is yawning contagious? Does spitting on a worm attract fish? Join our “mythbusters” team and put these and other myths to the test.



DAYS	Wednesday – Friday	
DATES	July 6 – 8	
AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #
7 – 9	9am – 12pm	15559
8 – 10	1pm – 4pm	15560
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
FEE	\$39	

## CAMP FISH

This camp is for the boy or girl who really enjoys fishing and being outside! Of course they won't fish all the time. Your child will be introduced to the wonderful world of nature with a cookout, outdoor games and geocaching.

DAYS	Wednesday – Friday	
DATES	June 8 – 10	
TIME	9am – 4pm	
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	10 – 12	
FEE	\$79 (Includes camp t-shirt)	
PROGRAM #	15561	

## LET'S GO FISHING

You can't beat a summer day, sitting next to Blue Heron Lake and fishing. Get out of the house and enjoy the summer as you learn about fish and some of the secrets to catching them. We have the poles and bait so what's keeping you from joining the fun?!

AGES	DAYS	DATES	TIME	PROGRAM #
7 – 9	Mon. – Wed.	June 27 – 29	9am – 12pm	15367
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge			
FEE	\$39 (Includes camp t-shirt)			



# SUMMER CAMPS

**NEW!**

## WET AND WILD

Learning is doing.... and we will learn all about the water cycle while we explore all around Ashwa Park. We will study water creatures at WDM City / School Campus, go fishing, learn how to canoe and go for a creek hike.

DAYS	Monday – Thursday
DATES	June 13 – 16
TIME	1pm – 4pm
LOCATION	Ashwa Park Shelter
AGES	9 – 11
FEE	\$44
PROGRAM #	15616

## WILD FOR WATER

Be ready to have lots of fun in the sun as you explore the water worlds around you. You will go fishing, hiking and creek sloshing. You will get to try your hand at kayaking and spend a day at Valley View Aquatic Center. Water games and contests will be the rule as you learn and have fun at the same time!

DAYS	Monday – Friday	
AGES	DATES	PROGRAM #
7 – 9	June 27 – July 1	15370
9 – 11	July 18 – 22	15369
TIME	1pm – 4:30pm	
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
FEE	\$59 (Includes camp t-shirt and day pass to aquatic center)	



## WATER ADVENTURE CAMP

Join us for some water adventure! Your child will canoe, fish, kayak, hike and cook out on a Raccoon River sand bar (All participants must wear a life jacket during all water activities.) This camp is sure to be lots of fun. Registration is limited, sign up early.

DAYS	Monday – Thursday
DATES	August 1 – 4
TIME	9am – 4pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	11 – 13
FEE	\$94 (Includes camp t-shirt)
PROGRAM #	15366

## EXPLORE

Do you have a child that can't stand to stay indoors regardless of the weather? If so, these day camps may be just what you have been looking for. Your child will have the opportunity to really explore Raccoon River. You may sign them up for one or all of the Explore days.

DAY	DATE	THEME	PROGRAM #
Monday	August 8	<b>Creek Hikin'</b> – Your child will spend most of the day in Jordan Creek looking for frogs, fish and fun!	15568
Tuesday	August 9	<b>Archery</b> – Your child will spend some time learning the basics of archery. They will learn target style archery and have some outdoor fun in the process!	15569
Wednesday	August 10	<b>River Rats!</b> – Your child will have the time of their lives exploring river sand bars and floodplain forests of the Raccoon River!	15570
Monday	August 15	<b>Lake Life</b> – Your child will spend this fun summer day on Blue Heron Lake at Raccoon River Park. They will explore the animals that live there, enjoy a picnic lunch and spend some time on the beach. If weather allows they will get a chance to try kayaks on the lake!	15571
Tuesday	August 16	<b>Critter Class</b> – The Nature Lodge has many educational animals that we use throughout the year. This day is designed specifically for children to take an in depth look at them.	15572

TIME	9am – 4pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	9 – 12
FEE	\$24 per day





## ARCHERY AND THE OUTDOORS!

During these camps your child will learn about archery equipment, safe archery techniques and how to safely shoot competition style archery. These classes will be taught by a certified NASP teacher. Your children will get a taste of the great outdoors and the opportunities it holds while at this half-day camp.

DAYS	Monday – Thursday	
DATES	July 25 – 28	
TIMES	LEVEL	PROGRAM #
9am – 12pm	Beginner	15562
1pm – 4pm	Novice	15563
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	10 – 13	
FEE	\$44	



**Beginner** – No archery experience needed

**Novice** – This student has had some archery experience

## YOUTH ARCHERY LESSONS

Does your child want to learn more about archery? Maybe they would benefit from some group archery lessons. Each lesson time will be limited to five archers. Lessons will be taught by a NASP certified teacher.

DAYS	Wednesdays	
DATES	June 15, 22, 29	
TIMES	PROGRAM #	
3:15pm – 4pm	15564	
4pm – 4:45pm	15565	
4:45pm – 5:30pm	15566	
LOCATION	Raccoon River Archery Facility	
AGES	10 – 13	
FEE	\$21	



## TOM KARPAN RELAYS

Don't miss this special annual track and field event for kids ages 5-14! Winners of qualifying events\* will be eligible to take part in the Iowa State Track and Field Meet in Marshalltown in June!

Races will be grouped according to age (5, 6, 7, 8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14) and gender. **A participant's age is as of December 31, 2016.** An award ribbon will be given to each participant for each event. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will also be given for each heat/event. The fastest time or longest distance recorded for each event (ages 9-14) will be eligible to attend the State Track and Field Meet in Marshalltown in June. These participants will be notified of their eligibility shortly after May 26.

**Please register at the event.**

DAY	Thursday
DATE	May 19
TIME	Registration starts at 4:15pm Meet starts at 4:45pm

EVENT	AGE
200 Meter Dash	9 – 14*
Softball Throw	9 – 14*
Standing Long Jump	9 – 14*
50 Meter Dash	5 – 8, 9 – 10*
100 Meter Dash	5 – 8, 9 – 14*
400 Meter Dash	9 – 14*
1600 Meter Run	13 – 14*
4 x 100 Meter Relay	9 – 14*

LOCATION	Valley High School Track
FEE	FREE

## YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS

Lessons for youth from beginner to advanced will feature fun, skill development, footwork, games and lots of hitting. Our instructor to student ratio is 1:8.

DAYS	Monday – Thursday		
DATE	AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #

### FUTURE STARS

June 6 – 23	5 – 8	9am – 10am	15376
June 27 – July 21	5 – 8	9am – 10am	15377

No Classes July 4-7

### ACES (last half hour is game time)

June 6 – 23	8 – 12	10am – 11:30am	15375
June 27 – July 21	8 – 12	10am – 11:30am	15373

No Classes July 4-7

### HIGH SCHOOL (last half hour is game time)

June 6 – 23	13 – 17	11:30am – 1pm	15374
June 27 – July 21	13 – 17	11:30am – 1pm	15372

No Classes July 4-7

LOCATION	Crossroads Park Tennis Courts
MAXIMUM	24 per class
FEE	\$108 per person

#### Tennis Director — Bunny Bruning

*Bunny played on the WTA Professional tour for 9 years and acquired rankings of #41 in singles and #8 in doubles. She has been a USPTA professional since 1987 and has been teaching and coaching for over 30 years.*

#### Lead Instructor — Daniel Pitz

*Daniel has been a USPTA professional since 1987 and an Associate Tennis Teaching Pro at Wakonda Club since April 2014. Lived in Japan and taught Japanese Tennis School and private contractor from 1990 – 1998, 2000 – 2014.*



You can learn more  
about the instructor at  
[www.LauraErnst.com](http://www.LauraErnst.com).

## CIRCUS PERFORMANCE

Want to learn amazing new skills that will impress your friends and family? Come and learn circus arts right here in West Des Moines from a real circus performer. In this class, you'll try out fun activities like juggling, aerial and floor acrobatics, and even roll around in a human-sized hamster ball! Sign up today for an experience you won't find anywhere else!

DAYS	Monday – Friday
DATE	June 6 – 10
TIME	1pm – 5pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	9 – 13
FEE	\$150 (includes a set of juggling balls)
PROGRAM #	15224



## LEE COLE'S MAGICAMP

Magicamp is for anyone who likes to have fun. You'll spend two days learning from professional magician **Lee Cole** on how to entertain and amaze your friends, family and classmates. You'll learn tricks that can be done anywhere, at any time, and for the rest of your life. This two day camp will be held at the West Des Moines Community Center. All magic materials are provided.

DATES	TIME	PROGRAM #
June 14 & 16	9am – 11:45am	15213
July 12 & 14	9am – 11:45am	15214
August 9 & 11	9am – 11:45am	15215
LOCATION	WDM Community Center	
AGES	8 – 15	
FEE	\$45	

## YOUTH GOLF LESSONS

Whether you are an experienced golfer or just starting out, this class can help you. Group instruction will be provided along with individual instruction as needed. Lessons are held at West Grand golf. Amenities include: Target Greens, Putting Greens and Practice Bunkers. Participants will learn Putting, Chipping, Iron Play and Woods and/or Metals. Registrants will need to bring all clubs to the first class.

DAYS	Monday – Thursday		
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DATES	TIME	PROGRAM #
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### Session I:

June 6 – 9	8:30am – 9:30am	15333
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### Session II

June 27 – 30	8:30am – 9:30am	15331
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LOCATION	West Grand Golf, 6450 Raccoon River Road (1 mile west off of west I-35)		
AGES	8+		
MAXIMUM	12 per class		
FEE	\$52 per person		



## CREATIVE GENIUSES: ARTISTS IN ACTION

Creative Geniuses Artists in Action is a painting class where we will be getting very creative and have a blast with alternative ways to paint. This class is designed to expose young artists to many kinds of paints, painting techniques, and tools they can use when creating works of art. Students will learn about, experiment, and make works of art using the skills that they've acquired.

DAY	Wednesdays
DATES	June 8 – July 27
TIME	6pm – 7pm
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	6 and up
FEE	\$119 per student (all supplies included)
MINIMUM	3
MAXIMUM	12
PROGRAM #	15334

Instruction taught by professional artist and art educator **Gina Bartlett**. Special feature will include a guest artist appearance.

**All Creative Geniuses students are invited to display their art and attend the Creative Geniuses Art Show on Friday, July 29, from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.**

## MURALS CLUB

Calling serious young artists of the community! Learn about mural painters and how they do what they do. Practice drawing and painting skills in preparation to create a children's community mural project. This club will work together as a team to create a large-scale mural for public display. Instruction provided by professional artist and art educator Gina Bartlett.

DAY	Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri
DATES	July 18 – 22 (No Club July 20)
TIME	6pm – 8pm
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	8 and up
FEE	\$139 per student
MINIMUM	2
MAXIMUM	8
PROGRAM #	15335

**Mural Club will unveil its finished piece at the Creative Geniuses Art Show on Friday, July 29, from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.**



## CREATIVE GENIUSES: CREATIVITY STUDIO

Creative Geniuses Creativity Studio is the ultimate art making experience for children of all ages. Young artists will have the opportunity to explore, learn about, and experiment with a variety of art materials. Children will strengthen their critical thinking skills and advance their hand eye coordination as they draw, paint, etch, mold, and print their imaginative ideas to life. Creativity has no limits as students progress through small group learning experiences with professional artist and art educator Gina Bartlett.

DAY	Wednesdays	
SESSION	DATES	PROGRAM #
1	June 8 – 29	15336
2	July 6 – 27	15337
TIME	9:30am – 10:30am	
LOCATION	WDM Community Center	
AGES	5 and up	
FEE	\$39 per student	
MINIMUM	3	
MAXIMUM	24	

**All Creative Geniuses students are invited to display their art and attend the Creative Geniuses Art Show on Friday, July 29, from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.**



# Energize!

## 2016 WDM SUMMER CAMP BY MAD SCIENCE OF IOWA

Kids and Parents, it is time to gear up for an exciting energy-filled summer camp! Mad Science of Iowa presents its energy and alternative energy camp for your fun and pleasure. Topics we will cover are electricity, electrical generation, lasers, electro-magnetism, heat, and the electro-magnetic wave spectrum, as well as alternatives to traditional coal-fired electrical generation. Plenty of hands-on activities and energy-related Make-&-Takes!

SPECIFIC TOPICS (in alphabetical order)	MAKE-&-TAKES
Advanced Electricity – AC/DC	Electromagnet on a Stick
CO2 Greenhouse Gas	Thermo-color Cup
Electricity Basics – Static	Static Stick
Electromagnetic Wave Spectrum	Techno-color Blender
Harnessing Heat	Heat Sheets
Laser Light	Periscope
Magnets & Electro-Magnetism	Magnetic Lab
The Sun	Cosmic Disk

DAYS	Monday – Thursday	
DATES	August 1 – 4	
TIME	AGES	PROGRAM #
9am – 12 pm	6 – 7	15548
1pm – 4pm	8 – 10	15549
LOCATION	WDM Community Center	
MINIMUM	10	
FEE	\$155 per session	



# YouthTech

**Youth Tech Inc. in cooperation with Des Moines Area Community College West Campus's "Celebrate! Innovation" program is an interactive computer camp that focuses on providing enrichment opportunities to students in the world of computers. With a caring environment at the core of camp values, Youth Tech strives to create a positive learning community that encourages creativity, fun and academic excellence. For more information about Youth Tech Inc., please visit our website at [www.youthtechinc.com](http://www.youthtechinc.com)**

**AGES:** We recommend ages **10 – 17** on most classes. Commonly we accept students who may be younger. Ultimately, we leave the final decision to the parents as to what you think your student is capable of doing. Our courses are open to any student with a passion for learning.

LOCATION	DMACC West Campus 5959 Grand Ave • WDM RM210E
MINIMUM	5

## WEB DESIGN

This course is an in-depth look at the world of web design and development. Students enrolled in this session will learn how to build their own website from start to finish using Adobe's award winning suite of products. The learning for this camp does not end at the door. Students will have access to their website with free hosting for one year.

DATE	June 6 – 9
TIME	9am – 12pm
FEE	\$155
PROGRAM #	15575

## VIDEO GAME DESIGN

This course provides students with a fun interactive look at the world of video game design and development. Students enrolled in this camp will learn the basics of video game design and produce several different interactive video games to share with their friends and family.

DATE	June 6 – 9
TIME	1pm – 4pm
FEE	\$175
PROGRAM #	15576

DATE	June 27 – 28*
TIME	9am – 4pm
FEE	\$175
PROGRAM #	15577

\*Please send a sack lunch with your child.

DATE	July 18 – 21
TIME	9am – 12pm
FEE	\$175
PROGRAM #	15578

## ROBOTICS

This course offers hands-on opportunities to build and program robots. Working in small teams, students will design robotics systems to compete in fun real-world activities. Each day will bring a new challenge, and your team's robot will have to morph to better adapt and compete. Students will compete in the battle bots competition at the end of the camp to prove their robot is the best. This class is perfect for the student who has a big imagination and likes to build things.

DATE	June 13 – 16
TIME	9am – 12pm
FEE	\$160
PROGRAM #	15579

DATE	July 18 – 21
TIME	1pm – 4pm
FEE	\$160
PROGRAM #	15580



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**3D GAME DESIGN**

**Video Game Design is a prerequisite for this course.** This class offers an interactive look at the world of 3D Game Design. This awesome 3D video game design course offers the chance for students to create and immerse themselves in a 3D world. If you are looking to design professional 3D games that both look and feel just like the ones you play at home, then you don't want to miss this course.

DATE	June 13 – 16
TIME	1pm – 4pm
FEE	\$160
PROGRAM #	15581

DATE	June 29 – 30*
TIME	9am – 4pm
FEE	\$160
PROGRAM #	15582

\*Please send a sack lunch with your child.

**THE GAMING ACADEMY**

The gaming academy is an all day course for students who love games. During this course students will be immersed into the world of 2D and 3D game design. The gaming academy is a combination of our Video Game Design, Advanced Game Design and 3D Game Design courses. The course offers students a variety of hands on experience designing and building their very own games.

DATE	June 27 – 30*
TIME	9am – 4pm
FEE	\$305
PROGRAM #	15583

\*Please send a sack lunch with your child.

**ANIMATION STUDIO**

This class is a combination of our 2D and 3D Animation classes. Students enrolled in this course will work from beginner to advanced animation concepts. If you like animation and animated movies then this is the perfect class for you. Students who are interested in how things move and creating fun animations for everyone to enjoy will enjoy this fun interactive classroom.

DATE	July 11 – 14
TIME	1pm – 4pm
FEE	\$160
PROGRAM #	15584

**GAME DESIGN APPS**

**Video Game Design is a Prerequisite for this course.** This course provides students with a fun interactive look at the world of mobile video game design and development. Students enrolled in this course will learn how to publish games to their favorite Apple® or Android™ devices.

DATE	July 25 – 28
TIME	1pm – 4pm
FEE	\$165
PROGRAM #	15585

**MUSIC STUDIO**

Everyone loves music! This class offers an interactive look at digital music production. Students will go through the creative process of developing their own tracks and look at the integration of music into our everyday world. This class is perfect for the student who loves music and wants to learn how to create and share their own digital music to share with the world.

DATE	August 1 – 4
TIME	9am – 12pm
FEE	\$155
PROGRAM #	15587

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**VIDEO GAME DESIGN**

Want to create video games? This is an introductory course for younger students who want learn to build simple video games. This course combines the art of video game design and animation to create interactive characters that fly around the screen. Amaze your friends and family with your fun interactive games.

DATE	June 20 – 23
TIME	10am – 12pm
FEE	\$110
PROGRAM #	15589

DATE	August 1 – 4
TIME	1pm – 3pm
FEE	\$110
PROGRAM #	15590

**MOVIE MAKERS**

This hands-on, interactive course will instruct students on the world of digital video design and production. Students will film, direct and edit their own digital video creations. Students enrolled in this course amaze their peers with green screen and special effects work.

DATE	June 20 – 23
TIME	1pm – 4pm
FEE	\$150
PROGRAM #	15590

**ICODE**

This course offers younger students a fun, interactive look at coding. Students will create virtual apps and write their own programs that they can share with friends and family. This course makes learning to code fun and explores problem solving and programming logic.

DATE	July 11 – 14
TIME	10am – 12pm
FEE	\$110
PROGRAM #	15591

**YOUNG ENGINEERS**

Technology and innovation collide to create this course. This interactive class looks to unlock the imagination of young engineers. Ever thought of creating a piano out of bananas or a video game controller out of a piece of paper? Why not? This course will utilize an invention kit for the 21st century and guide students through the process of building several fun, interactive creations.

DATE	July 25 – 28
TIME	10am – 12pm
FEE	\$110
PROGRAM #	15592



## PLANET 7

Do you want your child to have a chance to see what Jr. High has in store for them? The Planet 7 program will offer an opportunity for 6th graders entering 7th grade to:

- build self-esteem
- learn how to deal with peer pressure
- meet new friends
- learn time management and study skills
- familiarize themselves with a new school

DATES	PROGRAM # STILWELL	PROGRAM # INDIAN HILLS
July 18 – 22	15194	15198
July 25 – 29	15195	15199
August 1 – 5	15196	15200
August 8 – 12	15197	15201

TIME	DAY
9am – 4pm	Monday – Thursday
6:45am – 8:30pm	Friday
LOCATION	Indian Hills or Stilwell Junior High
AGES	Incoming 7th Graders
FEE	\$155

Other fun aspects of the program include trips to:

- Val Lanes
- Valley View Aquatic Center
- The Adventure Learning Center at Living History Farms
- Friday's trip to World's of Fun in Kansas City, MO.

All incoming 7th graders in the fall of 2016 in the West Des Moines School District are eligible to enroll in the program.



DAYS	Monday – Friday
TIME	12pm – 5pm

DATES	PROGRAM #
June 6 – 10	15202
June 13 – 17	15203
June 20 – 24	15204
June 27 – July 1	15205
July 5 – 8* (prorated to \$32)	15206
July 11 – 15	15207
July 18 – 22	15208
July 25 – 29	15209
August 1 – 5	15210
August 8 – 12	15211
August 15 – 19	15212

LOCATION	WDM Teen Center @ Rex Mathes (1401 Vine Street)
AGES	Entering 6th – 9th grade in 2016
FEE	\$40 per week

## SUMMER AT THE WEST DES MOINES TEEN CENTER

Did you know a recent study found that children spend 75.5% of their day being inactive? Does your child fit into this category? Want to change that statistic? If you are looking for recreational opportunities for your 6th-9th grader, have them try out the WDM Teen Center! Each week of operation will include games, crafts, activities, and a field trip; and the regular Teen Center staff members are sticking around to ensure everything is safe and fun. So, come on! Enrich your child's summer with the WDM Teen Center!





# ADULT FITNESS



## ZUMBA Fitness®

Starting to exercise, returning to it or want the newest dance fitness program in town? Are you ready to party yourself into shape? ZUMBA Fitness® provides an invigorating, effective, easy to follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance for the active enthusiast. No previous experience is necessary. 12 yrs and older welcome. You will be taught the steps and encouraged to groove at your own pace. Wear comfortable clothes, athletic shoes and bring a water bottle! Good time guaranteed! Please check with your physician prior to starting any fitness routine. No classes on any holidays.

**JOIN AT ANY TIME!**

DAY	TIME
Monday	5:15pm – 6:15pm
Wednesday	5:15pm – 6:15pm
Thursday	5:15pm – 6:15pm
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	12+
FEE	
Unlimited monthly	\$50
5 Classes	\$30
10 Classes	\$45
First class FREE or \$5 off when sign up same day	
REGISTRATION INFORMATION	EVA: 515-419-9523 www.eva123.zumba.com

## WATER AEROBICS

Get out and enjoy some fun in the water and get a workout at the same time. This 45 minute cardio workout with water resistance is perfect for people of all ages and abilities. Classes are held in shallow water so even non-swimmers can enjoy this unique workout.



DAYS	Monday – Thursday
DATES	June 6 – August 11
TIME	5:45pm – 6:30pm
LOCATION	Valley View Aquatic Center (81st and Bridgewood)
FEES	2x a week \$45 3x a week \$59 4x a week \$69
PROGRAM #	15341

## MIXED LEVEL I & II:

### ABSOLUTE AND BEYOND BEGINNER BALLROOM

This ballroom class is for anyone who is an absolute beginner, never danced before, or may have 2 left feet and for anyone who has some knowledge of various ballroom dances. It will be a great class for those who need to review their Level I – Absolute Beginner Ballroom class and for those who would like to add additional figures beyond that class. This course teaches 6 dances: Foxtrot, Swing (East Coast), Waltz, Rumba and introduction to Tango and Cha Cha except in the 6 week class when only the first 4 dances will be taught. Jim and Suzi will teach 4-6 figures in each dance as we progress through the class.

DAY	Sundays
TIME	12:30pm – 1:30pm

DATES	# OF WEEKS	PROGRAM #	FEE per person
May 8 – June 26 (No class May 29)	7	15344	\$65
July 10 – August 21	7	15345	\$65
LOCATION	WDM Community Center		

DAY	Thursdays
TIME	6:45pm – 7:45pm

DATES	# OF WEEKS	PROGRAM #	FEE per person
April 28 – June 30	10	15342	\$80
July 7 – August 25	8	15343	\$70
LOCATION	WDM Community Center		

## MIXED LEVEL II AND LEVEL III: INTERMEDIATE BALLROOM

This ballroom class is for anyone who has completed Level I and Level II classes or has equivalent experience in dancing and training. These classes are intended as a follow-on course for the Level I and Level II Ballroom students. If you have not had this previous class but you know 5-8 figures in Foxtrot, Swing, Waltz, and Rumba, and a few figures in Tango and Cha Cha, you are welcome to join this class. If you know some of these dances well you may attend the associated classes.

This course teaches 1 dance for 2 or 3 weeks before moving on to another dance. Jim and Suzi will review all the figures taught in previous Level I and Level II Ballroom classes. They will then add figures and technique with an additional 3-4 figures being added to each dance as we progress through the class. This is not a single course and as many as 6 months will be required to cover all the various dances being taught at this level. Any dance not included in the normal Level I and Level II Ballroom class curriculum will be taught at a beginning level as we introduce new dances to the students.

DAY	Sundays
TIME	1:30pm – 2:30pm

DATES	# OF WEEKS	PROGRAM #	FEE per couple
May 8 – June 26 (No class May 29)	7	15346	\$130
July 10 – August 21	7	15347	\$130
LOCATION	WDM Community Center		



# ADULT SPORTS



## COED BADMINTON OPEN GYM

Drop in for recreational pick-up badminton matches.

DAYS	Sundays
DATES	February 28 – August 28
TIME	2:30pm – 5pm
LOCATION	Valley Southwoods – 625 S. 35th St.
FEE	• \$2 WDM school district residents • \$3 non-residents due on site

## ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

### Cardio Tennis

Cardio Tennis is a workout prior to evening lessons. This is a fast paced, pounding workout for all tennis and fitness levels. Go at your own pace! Cardio tennis registrants are not required to participate in the adult evening lessons.

DAYS	Tuesdays and Thursdays
DATES	PROGRAM #
June 7 – 23	15381
June 28 – July 21	15382 No Classes July 5 or 7
TIME	5:30pm – 6pm
LOCATION	Crossroads Park Tennis Courts
MAXIMUM	24 per class
FEE	\$27

### Lessons

Lessons for adults new to tennis as well as beginner to advanced will be focused on improving student stroke, technique, skills, footwork, strategy and match play. Courts and students will be organized by ability and experience to maximize student improvement and enjoyment.

DAYS	Tuesdays and Thursdays
DATES	PROGRAM #
June 7 – 23	15379
June 28 – July 21	15380 No Classes July 5 or 7
TIME	6pm – 7pm
LOCATION	Crossroads Park Tennis Courts
MAXIMUM	24 per class
FEE	\$54

### Tennis Director — Bunny Bruning

*Bunny played on the WTA Professional tour for 9 years and acquired rankings of #41 in singles and #8 in doubles. She has been a USPTA professional since 1987 and has been teaching and coaching for over 30 years.*

### Lead Instructor — Daniel Pitz

*Daniel has been a USPTA professional since 1987 and an Associate Tennis Teaching Pro at Wakonda Club since April 2014. Lived in Japan and taught Japanese Tennis School and private contractor from 1990 – 1998, 2000 – 2014.*

## ADULT OUTDOOR SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE



West Des Moines Parks & Recreation will be offering a Summer Basketball League at the Valley View Basketball Courts. Games will be staffed with a score keeper and two officials. Leagues will begin mid-July. For additional information please contact the West Des Moines Park and Recreation office at 222-3453.



## HORSESHOE PITCHING LEAGUE

### Summer Season

This coed league is designed for all levels of ability (players will be handicapped). Prizes and traveling trophy awarded. Free pitching instruction available through the week.

DAYS	Wednesdays
DATES	May 4– August 3
TIME	6:30pm – 8:30pm
AGES	12+
LOCATION	Holiday Park Horseshoe Courts
FEE	One \$3 league fee due 2nd night of play
TO REGISTER	Call LeRoy Law at 681-1937

## ADULT GOLF LESSONS

Whether you are an experienced golfer or just starting out, this class can help you. Group instruction will be provided along with individual instruction as needed. Lessons are held at West Grand golf and amenities include: Target Greens, Putting Greens and Practice Bunkers. Participants will learn Putting, Chipping, Iron Play and Woods and/or Metals. Registrants will need to bring all clubs to the first class.



DAYS	Monday — Thursday	
TIME	6:30pm – 7:30pm	
SESSION	DATES	PROGRAM #
Session I	May 23 – 26	15357
Session II	June 6 – 9	15358
Session III	June 27 – 30	15359
LOCATION	West Grand Golf – 6450 Raccoon River Dr. (1 mile west off of I-35)	
MAXIMUM	15 participants	
INSTRUCTOR	Brian Larson	
FEE	\$52	



# ADULT SOFTBALL

## Summer Season

### MEN'S COMMERCIAL SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Competitive 12" slow pitch softball leagues. Games are staffed with one umpire and an official score keeper. Teams play a 14-game round robin schedule.

LEAGUE	DAY	START DATE	PROGRAM #	AGES
Men's DBHD B	Wednesday	June 22	15384	Adults (18 & older and out of high school)
Men's DBHD C	Tuesday	June 21	15385	
Men's 50+	Sunday	June 19	15395	50 yrs & older (Must turn 50 by 12/31/16)
FEE	\$365 entry fee + tax, ASA., WDM Adult SB Player Fee, Non-resident fees			

### MEN'S RECREATIONAL "50 PLUS" DRAFT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Recreational 12-inch slow pitch softball league for men over 50 years old. Teams play a 9-game schedule. All games are staffed with an umpire and an official score keeper.

LEAGUE	DAY	START DATE	PROGRAM #	AGES
Men's 50+ Draft	Wednesday	July 13	15402	50 yrs & older (Must turn 50 by 12/31/16)
FEE	\$25 individual entry fee (WDM Adult SB Player Fee, Non-resident fee and tax included)			

### COED COMMERCIAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Competitive 12-inch slow pitch softball leagues. Games are staffed with one umpire and an official score keeper. Teams play a 7-game schedule.

LEAGUE	DAY	START DATE	PROGRAM #
Coed	Thursday	June 23	15396
Coed	Sunday	June 19	15397
AGES	Adults (18 & older and out of high school)		
FEE	\$275 entry fee + tax, ASA., WDM Adult SB Player Fee, Non-resident fees.		

### GENERAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE INFO

CONTACT	Please call 222-3444 to have application mailed, emailed or faxed to you.
DEADLINE TO APPLY	Wednesday, May 18 by 4pm
GAME TIMES	Generally 6:15pm – 9:15pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Softball Complex

### MEN'S RECREATION SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Recreational 12" slow pitch men's softball leagues. Teams play a 14-game round robin schedule. Carpet used to call balls and strikes, umpire your own games. All games staffed with an official score keeper.

LEAGUE	DAY	START DATE	PROGRAM #
Men's DbHd Rec.	Monday	June 20	15386
Men's DbHd Rec.	Wednesday	June 22	15387
Men's DbHd Rec.	Thursday	June 23	15388
AGES	Adults (18 & older and out of high school)		
FEE	\$225 entry fee + tax, ASA., WDM Adult SB Player Fee, Non-resident fees.		

### COED RECREATION SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Recreational 12" slow pitch coed softball leagues. Teams play a 6-game schedule. Carpet used to call balls and strikes, umpire your own game. All games staffed with an official score keeper.

LEAGUE	DAY	START DATE	PROGRAM #	AGES
B	Sunday	June 19	15391	Adults (18 & older and out of high school)
C	Sunday	June 19	15392	
D	Sunday	June 19	15393	
E	Sunday	June 19	15394	
C/D	Wednesday	June 22	15389	
C/D	Thursday	June 23	15390	
FEE	\$175 entry fee + tax, ASA., WDM Adult SB Player Fee, Non-resident fees.			



### \*ADULT ATHLETIC LEAGUE TEAM ACCEPTANCE POLICY

The Adult Athletic League Team Acceptance Policy applies to all adult athletic leagues. The order of priority is as follows:

- 1.) Returning Teams. Defined as having at least 51% of last season's roster.**
  - a.) Teams who participated in the league the previous season.
  - b.) Teams who participated in the league the previous year.
  - c.) Teams may be placed in another division at Department's option to equalize competition.

**2.) New Teams. Teams that did not participate in the league the previous season or year.**

**3.) Late Teams. Any team that does not meet the established deadlines will be accepted at the Department's discretion.**

If more teams apply than we have space for, priority will be given to teams with the highest percentage of players on their roster residing within the City of West Des Moines School District in all cases except softball, where City boundaries apply.



### SCOREBOARD ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

Please contact Bruce at **222-3454** for details.



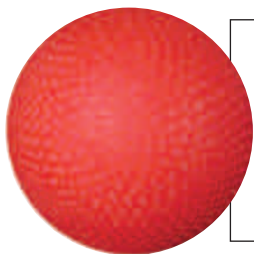
## ADULT MEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUES

**SUMMER LEAGUES** Men's Flag Football Teams now have another season to play the game they love. Applications will be available in late April. Please call 222-3444 to receive an application by mail, email or fax. Seven-man teams will play a seven game schedule. Applications for **FALL LEAGUES** held at Valley Stadium will be available at the WDM Parks & Recreation Office in August.

DAYS	Wednesdays
START DATE	June 8
GAME TIME	6:15pm – 9:15pm
LEAGUE	PROGRAM #
Mens B	15398
Mens C	15399
AGES	18 & older and out of high school
LOCATION	Valley Stadium: 4440 Mills Civic Pkwy
DEADLINE TO APPLY	Wednesday, May 18
FEE	\$435 entry fee, \$26.10 tax, \$6 non-resident fee

## INDIVIDUAL SOFTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, KICKBALL OR FLAG FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Love softball, volleyball, kickball or flag football but just moved to town or don't have a team to play on? Anyone interested in playing in any of our leagues can call Bruce at 222-3454 or e-mail [bruce.mankle@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:bruce.mankle@wdm.iowa.gov) and be placed on an individuals list. We will list your name, phone number and which league you would prefer to play in. This list will then be distributed to all team managers in our leagues and on our website. We can't guarantee you will be placed on a team, but past response has been positive.



### ADULT COED KICKBALL LEAGUE SPRING SEASON

Coed Kickball league play this spring at Raccoon River Park Softball Complex. Leagues offered on Mondays and start the week of April 25. Call Parks & Recreation office at 222-3453 for registration information.

## MEN'S "50 PLUS" DRAFT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

This Recreational League will take individual sign-up only. Prior to League games beginning July 20, individuals will be placed on organized teams by Volunteer Managers. Team balance will be a top priority with equal number of players from age groups and abilities represented on each team. The July 13 start date will be a drop-in practice/player informational meeting for participants signed-up for the program. Teams will play a 9 game schedule. All games will be staffed with an umpire and score keeper. Recreational only — no standings and awards. Players will receive a league t-shirt.

DAYS	Wednesdays
GAME TIME	6:15pm – 9:15pm
SEASON /DATE	PROGRAM #
Spring starts April 20	15401
Summer starts July 20	15402
Both Seasons	15400
AGES	Must turn 50 by 12/31/16
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Softball Complex
FEES	\$25 per season \$45 for both spring and summer (Player fee, Non Resident fee and sales tax included)
CONTACT	<b>Kevin Fitzgerald</b> phone: 222-3453 e-mail: <a href="mailto:Kevin.fitzgerald@wdm.iowa.gov">Kevin.fitzgerald@wdm.iowa.gov</a>

## MEN'S "60 PLUS" DROP-IN SOFTBALL

Players who are 58 and older can now drop in, split up into teams and play softball. No pre-registration necessary! Just show up!

DAYS	Tuesdays and Thursdays
DATES	April 12 – October 20
TIME	10am – 12pm
AGES	Must turn 58 by 12/31/16
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Softball Complex
FEES	\$2 residents, \$3 non-residents



# Day Trips

## 41st Annual Glenn Miller Festival

Join us as visitors and entertainers from around the world converge in Clarinda, Iowa, the Birthplace of Glenn Miller! We'll celebrate the music and memory of Alton Glenn Miller, American bandleader, trombonist, composer and arranger who disappeared while directing the "Glenn Miller AAF Band" during World War II. Our day will include: A tour of the Glenn Miller Birthplace Museum; lunch; a tour of historic exhibits at the festival; a performance by the Tamara Girls High School Band; a performance by the Swing Esquire Orchestra—all the way from Tokyo, Japan; and finally a concert by the Tom Daugherty Orchestra. A light "meal on the go" will be served on the road home.

DAY	Friday
DATE	June 10
TIME	7am – 8pm
LOCATION	Clarinda
FEE	\$98
REGISTER BY	May 20
PROGRAM #	15593

## "Million Dollar Quartet" at the Old Creamery Theatre

A Tuesday night, shortly before Christmas 1956, four legends, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley gathered at the Sun Record recording studio in Memphis, Tennessee, where they'd launched their careers. Word soon leaked out of an impromptu jam session. A newspaper man who was there wrote, "This quartet could sell a million." Soon, they were dubbed the Million Dollar Quartet. This was their only performance, a cultural flashpoint that caught rock 'n' roll at the moment of creation. Join us as the Old Creamery brings this magical musical to life! Lunch is included at the Ox Yoke Inn, with free time for shopping. This musical was nominated for the 2010 Tony Awards.

DAY	Wednesday
DATE	June 22
TIME	8am – 7pm
LOCATION	Amana
FEE	\$69
REGISTER BY	June 1
PROGRAM #	15594

## The Brucemore Mansion & Czech and Slovak Museum

A visit to Brucemore is a retreat from the routine. The park-like estate invites exploration of its stunning gardens and grounds, fascinating history, and magnificent 21-room mansion. Join us today as we take a guided tour of the mansion, and explore the Brucemore visitor center, which features two exhibitions that introduce you to the estate and its history. The Museum Store features a full line of Brucemore memorabilia, and reflects the lives of the Brucemore families. A delicious lunch stop is also included today. Our second stop will take us to the all-new and refurbished Czech & Slovak Museum and Library. Experience a richly colorful and historical view of life in the Old World and for Czech Immigrants as they arrived in Cedar Rapids. PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Historic nature of this home, there will be more walking on this tour, including stairs!

DAY	Tuesday
DATE	July 12
TIME	7am – 5:30pm
LOCATION	Cedar Rapids
FEE	\$58
REGISTER BY	June 21
PROGRAM #	15595

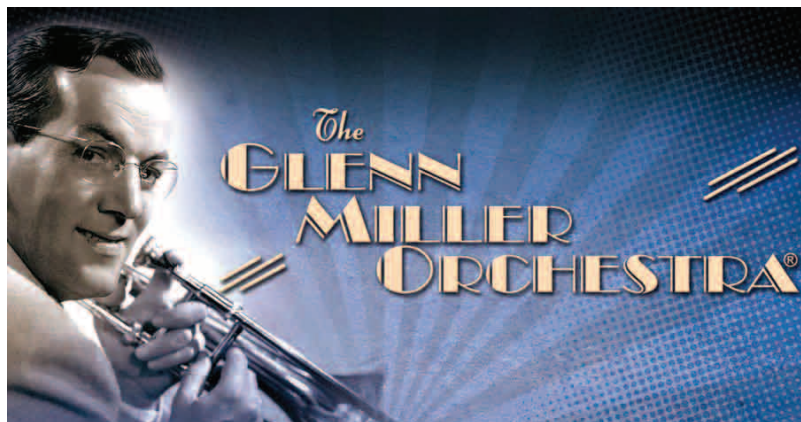
## River City USA—Featuring Frank Lloyd Wright and Meredith Willson

Join us today as we step back in time and discover 2 of Mason City's famous natives. First we'll visit the Frank Lloyd Wright Stockman House, Wright's first Iowa building, designed in 1908. It is restored and furnished with Arts and Crafts furniture and reproductions of period Wright furniture. It is the only middle-class home of his Prairie School period that is open to the public in the U.S. We'll enjoy a delicious lunch before our next destination, Music Man Square. Meredith Willson, composer of The Music Man, also grew up in Mason City. We'll visit his Boyhood Home to learn more about the man behind the music. We'll enjoy the Meredith Willson Museum and an old fashion 1912 streetscape replica of the movie set designs from the Warner Brothers motion picture. Join us for a fabulous day in River City USA!

DAY	Tuesday
DATE	August 9
TIME	7am – 5pm
LOCATION	Mason City
FEE	\$56
REGISTER BY	June 19
PROGRAM #	15596

## DAY TRIP INFORMATION

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## Day Trips

### "Shear Madness" at the Amana Theatre

Back by popular demand! This unique comic-whodunit takes place today in the "Shear Madness" hairstyling salon. During the course of the action, a murder is committed and the audience gets to spot the clues, question the suspects, and solve the funniest mystery seen on stage. The outcome is never the same. Voted "Best Comedy of the Year" seven times by the Boston Globe, rated PG. Lunch is included at the famous Ox Yoke Inn, where food is served "family style." There will also be free time for shopping....making it a wonderful day in the Amana Colonies!



DATE	August 25
DAY	Thursday
TIME	8am – 7pm
LOCATION	Amana Colonies
FEE	\$69
REGISTER BY	August 4
PROGRAM #	15597

### DAY TRIP INFORMATION

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### St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs Double Header

Join us as we travel to the "The Gateway to the West" to take in the rivalry between the Cubs and Cards! This three day, two night package includes: stadium seating on Monday night; premium, all-inclusive seats on Tuesday in a box suite on Redbird Row! These seats include: a two-hour, all-you-can-eat picnic buffet; Coca-cola products throughout the game; Bud and Bud Light beverages through the middle of the 8th inning and your game ticket! (Please note: These seats include indoor/outdoor seating in Suite #213, in right field.) This travel package also includes a two night hotel stay; breakfast each morning at the hotel; and roundtrip transportation. Whichever team you cheer for....GO CUBS! or GO CARDS! This trip will satisfy all baseball fans.

DAYS	Monday – Wednesday
DATE	September 12 – 14
LOCATION	St. Louis, MO
FEE	\$419 / person double \$389 / person triple \$369 / person quad \$519 / person single
REGISTER BY	August 22
DEPARTURE LOCATION	WDM City Hall
PROGRAM #	15598

**A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration, with the remaining balance due three weeks prior to departure. Because all travel expenses are prepaid, we cannot offer refunds for travel programs.**





# Aquatic Centers • Open June 2

## AQUATIC CENTER SEASON PASSES

Aquatic Center Season Passes are on sale NOW at the following locations:

- **Parks & Recreation Office**  
at WDM City Hall 4200 Mills Civic Pkwy  
Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm
- **WDM Community Center**  
217 5th Street  
Monday-Friday, 12pm-5pm

Season Pass	WDM Resident	Non-Resident
Single	\$80	\$120
Two people	\$110	\$160
Each additional person	\$35	\$45
Granny/Nanny add-on (no additional discounts)	\$50	\$50
<b>Purchase before March 31 and SAVE 10%</b>		

Daily Admission	Price
Under 3 years old	FREE
3 – 12 years old	\$5
13 years and up	\$8
Seniors (55+)	\$6

## WEATHER POLICY

If the Aquatic Center closes because of weather (electrical storm or cool temperatures) between 12:30pm – 5pm the pool will not reopen until 5:30pm. If the pool does not open at 5:30pm the pool will not reopen.

Special Admissions	Days & Details
Family Nights	Wednesday & Sunday - \$12/family (all season at Valley View after 6:30pm, at Holiday after 6:30pm only when swim lessons are not in session)
Half Price Evenings	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (all season at Valley View after 6:30pm, at Holiday after 5:00pm only when swim lessons are not in session)

## SEASON PASS DETAILS:

- Valid at 3 locations! (Holiday and Valley View Aquatic Centers in WDM and the Clive Aquatic Center)
- May include any/all household members 3 years and up.
- All pass holders must have a photo on file. Returning pass holders with a current photo on file do not need their photo retaken. New pass holders can have their photo taken at the time of purchase, during any regular office hours or at the pool this summer.

## OPEN SWIM

**Holiday Park Aquatic Center**  
1701 Railroad Avenue

Hours:  
Monday — Friday: 11:30am – 7pm  
(Closes at 5:30pm during evening swim lessons)  
Saturdays 11:30am – 6pm  
Sundays 12pm – 5:45pm

**Valley View Aquatic Center**  
255 81st Street

Hours:  
Sunday – Friday: 12pm – 5:30pm  
and 6:30 – 8:30pm  
Saturday: 12pm – 6pm



## Aquatic Programs

### CURRENT WALKING

Join us at the Valley View Aquatic Center's lazy river for a walk against the river's current. Walkers will enjoy a unique resistance, challenging them to get a greater benefit from their stroll.

DAYS	Sunday – Friday
TIME	5:45pm – 6:30pm
AGES	18+
LOCATION	Valley View Aquatic Center
FEE	\$4 per visit (please pay at the aquatic center)

### ADULT LAP SWIM

Enjoy a great cardio workout by swimming laps. Valley View Aquatic Center features 25 yard lanes for swimmers to use.

DAYS	Sunday – Friday
TIME	5:45pm – 6:30pm
LOCATION	Valley View Aquatic Center
FEE	\$4 per visit (please pay at the aquatic center)

### PARENT & ME SWIM LESSONS

This self-guided program provides an opportunity for parents and their young children to explore the water together. Participants will have a special area of the pool to work together and learn basic water exploration skills. Parents will be given handouts that will provide directions for activities to do with their child.

DAYS	Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
DATES	PROGRAM #
June 13 – 24	15360
July 6 – 15	15361
July 18 – 29	15362
TIME	5:45pm – 6:15pm
AGES	12 – 36 months & adult
LOCATION	Valley View Aquatic Center
FEE	
Session 1 & 3	\$30
Session 2	\$25

### DOGGIE DIP

Check the Aquatic Centers in late July. For details, call 273-0700.

## AQUATIC CENTER RENTALS

Looking for a unique outing for your business, church, or youth group? Why not schedule a private rental at one of the West Des Moines Aquatic Centers? Aquatic Center rentals at either Valley View or Holiday are available **6:30pm to 8:30pm on Saturdays, June 6 – August 1**. Rental fees include all costs. Concessions are available at an extra cost.

### Holiday Aquatic Center

- \$715 - Whole Facility

### Valley View Aquatic Center

- \$660 - Lazy River - Slides
- \$330 - Leisure Pool - Kids Pool
- \$248 - Lap Pool - Diving Boards - Drop Slide
- \$1,045 - Whole Facility

**For more information  
and reservations  
please call 222-3440.**



## AQUATIC CENTER BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Have your next birthday party in the sun and fun at Valley View or Holiday Aquatic Center! Party packages include: reserved space for 2 hours for your group, admission to the aquatic center for your group, one FREE admission for an accompanying adult, and your choice of a food combo from the concessions for everyone in your party. Your group will also get to use the water slides during a special assigned pool break so there are NO lines to wait in!!

\$115 for the first 10 participants plus 1 adult (\$15 per additional participant with a maximum of 15 participants.)



### PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Each child learns and excels differently. Your child will learn to swim or further their skills through private lessons with one-on-one instruction. Instructors will use the Learn-to-Swim progressions but at an individualized pace.

**Call 222-3440 for  
more information  
and to register**

DAYS	Monday – Friday
DATES	June 13 – 17 June 20 – 24 June 27 – July 1
TIMES	9am – 9:30am 9:35am – 10:05am 10:10am – 10:40am
LOCATION	Holiday Aquatic Center
FEE	\$115 per session



### ADULT SWIM LESSONS

Learn to swim or improve your skills in this class for adults.

DAYS	Monday – Friday
DATES	June 13 – 24
TIMES	6:15pm – 6:45pm
AGES	18+
LOCATION	Holiday Aquatic Center
FEE	\$48 per session
PROGRAM #	15363



## American Red Cross Skill Progress Levels:

### WATER PUPS: 3 & 4 year olds

Water Exploration: Putting face under water, bubble blowing, kicking, supported kick on front and back.

### ADV. WATER PUPS: 3 & 4 year olds

Children will kick and glide on front and back and learn basic swimming skills.

## Level 1-5 lessons have a minimum age requirement of 5 years old

### LEVEL 1 – INTRODUCTION TO WATER SKILLS

Helps participants feel comfortable in the water.

- Enter and exit water using ladder, steps or side
- Blow bubbles through mouth and nose • Bobbing
- Open eyes under water and retrieve submerged objects
- Front and back glides and floats
- Recover to vertical position
- Roll from front to back and back to front
- Tread water using arm and hand actions
- Alternating and simultaneous leg actions on front and back
- Alternating and simultaneous arm actions on front and back
- Combined arm and leg actions on front and back

### LEVEL 2 – FUNDAMENTAL AQUATIC SKILLS

Gives participants success with fundamental skills.

- Enter and exit water by stepping or jumping from the side
- Fully submerge and hold breath
- Bobbing
- Open eyes under water and retrieve submerged objects
- Front, jellyfish and tuck floats
- Front and back glides and floats
- Recover to vertical position
- Roll from front to back and back to front
- Change direction of travel while swimming on front or back
- Tread water using arm and leg actions
- Combined arm and leg actions on front and back
- Finning arm action

### LEVEL 3 – STROKE DEVELOPMENT

Builds on the skills in Level 2 through additional guided practice in deeper water.

- Enter water by jumping from the side
- Head first entries from the side in sitting and kneeling positions
- Bobbing while moving toward safety • Rotary breathing
- Survival float • Back float
- Change from vertical to horizontal position on front and back
- Tread water
- Flutter, scissor, dolphin and breaststroke kicks on front
- Front crawl and elementary backstroke

**Holiday Aquatic Center**  
1701 Railroad Avenue

**Valley View Aquatic Center**  
255 S. 81st Street

**TO BETTER PLACE YOUR CHILD** *in the American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program, please review these lists of skills taught in each progress level. These partial lists are skills taught in the course and required for completion of the level.*

### LEVEL 4 STROKE IMPROVEMENT

Develops confidence in the skills learned and improves other aquatic skills.

- Head first entries from the side in compact and stride positions
- Swim under water
- Feet first surface dive
- Survival swimming
- Front crawl and backstroke open turns
- Tread water using 2 different kicks
- Front and back crawl, elementary backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke and butterfly
- Flutter and dolphin kicks on back

### LEVEL 5 STROKE REFINEMENT

Provides further coordination and refinement of strokes.

- Shallow-angle dive from the side then glide and begin a front stroke
- Tuck and pike surface dives, submerge completely
- Front flip turn and backstroke flip turn while swimming
- Front and back crawl, elementary backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke and butterfly
- Sculling

Remember: Please refrain from registering your child for multiple sessions assuming they will advance to the next swim level for the following session. Changes to registrations once processed are charged a \$5 processing fee, and if the class you need is full, your child will not be able to join that class.

## MORNING SWIM LESSONS: VALLEY VIEW AQUATIC CENTER

DAYS	Week I: Tues – Fri, Week II: Mon – Fri
DATES	Session 1: June 14 – 24 Session 2: July 5 – 15 Session 3: July 19 – 29
LOCATION	Valley View Aquatic Center
FEES	Water Pups, Adv. Pups: \$45 Levels 1 – 5: \$43

All classes are 30 minutes in length

Water Pups	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:30
Session 1	15403	15406	15409	15412
Session 2	15404	15407	15410	15413
Session 3	15405	15408	15411	15414
Adv Pups	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:30
Session 1	15415	15418	15421	15424
Session 2	15416	15419	15422	15425
Session 3	15417	15420	15423	15426
Level 1	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:30
Session 1	15427	15430	15433	15436
Session 2	15428	15431	15434	15437
Session 3	15429	15432	15435	15438
Level 2	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:30
Session 1	15439	15442	15445	15448
Session 2	15440	15443	15446	15449
Session 3	15441	15444	15447	15450
Level 3	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:30
Session 1	15451	15454	15457	15460
Session 2	15452	15455	15458	15461
Session 3	15453	15462	15466	15469
Level 4	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:30
Session 1	15463	15466	15469	15472
Session 2	15464	15467	15470	15473
Session 3	15465	15468	15471	15474
Level 5	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:30
Session 1	15475	15478	N/A	15481
Session 2	15476	N/A	15480	N/A
Session 3	15477	15479	N/A	N/A

## EVENING SWIM LESSONS: HOLIDAY AQUATIC CENTER

DAYS	Monday – Friday
DATES	Session 1: June 13 – 24 Session 2: July 5 – 15 Session 3: July 18 – 29
LOCATION	Holiday Park Aquatic Center
FEES	Water Pups Adv. Pups: Session 1 & 3 Session 2
	Level 1 – 5: \$48 \$43

Water Pups	6:15	6:50	7:25	8:00
Session 1	15482	15483	N/A	N/A
Session 2	15485	15487	N/A	N/A
Session 3	15486	15488	N/A	N/A
Adv Pups	6:15	6:50	7:25	8:00
Session 1	15489	15490	N/A	N/A
Session 2	15492	15494	N/A	N/A
Session 3	15493	15495	N/A	N/A
Level 1	6:15	6:50	7:25	8:00
Session 1	N/A	15496	15497	15498
Session 2	N/A	15502	15504	15506
Session 3	N/A	15503	15505	15507
Level 2	6:15	6:50	7:25	8:00
Session 1	N/A	15508	15509	15510
Session 2	N/A	15514	15516	15518
Session 3	N/A	15515	15517	15519
Level 3	6:15	6:50	7:25	8:00
Session 1	N/A	15520	15521	15522
Session 2	N/A	15526	15528	15530
Session 3	N/A	15527	15529	15531
Level 4	6:15	6:50	7:25	8:00
Session 1	N/A	15532	N/A	15534
Session 2	N/A	15538	15533	15540
Session 3	N/A	N/A	15539	15541
Level 5	6:15	6:50	7:25	8:00
Session 1	N/A	N/A	15543	15544
Session 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	15546
Session 3	N/A	15542	N/A	15547

# 4 WAYS TO REGISTER



Scan & Register with your mobile device.

## • Online:

<https://reconline.wdm-ia.com>

## • Mail-In:

P.O. Box 65320, WDM, IA 50265

## • Call-In:

222-3444

## • Fax-In:

222-3459

## POLICIES

### REFUND POLICY

Refunds will be gladly given for any reason as long as your request for a refund is submitted before the registration deadline date. Any time after that date, refunds will only be issued with a written medical excuse. *This policy does not apply to travel programs & adult sports leagues.*

### CANCELLATION POLICY

We reserve the right to cancel a program or activity that does not meet the minimum number of participants necessary to offer the program.

### REGISTRATION CHANGE FEE

A fee of \$5 will be charged for each Registration change made after participants are enrolled in a program.

### RECREATION PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

Fee discounts are available for WDM residents meeting guidelines for assistance. Applications will be available at **WDM Human Services, 139 6th Street.**

### ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the responsibility of the individual with a disability requiring accommodations to inform the Parks & Recreation Department, at least 48 hours in advance. Please call **222-3444** to have accommodations provided.



WDM Parks & Recreation *registration form*

First Name(s) (Parent or Guardian)

Last Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Alternate Phone Number

Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (Circle one)

e-mail Address

Card number

exp. date

*\$5 / change fee for program changes made after your registration has been processed.*

### WDM Parks & Recreation Waiver And Release

In consideration of my own or my child's participation in the Parks & Recreation (hereinafter referred to as "P&R") program or activity through the City of West Des Moines, Iowa (hereinafter referred to as "City"), we hereby release the City, its officials, employees, representatives, and agents from any and all accidents, injuries, damages, or losses received by my child or by myself through the P&R program that have not been caused by negligence attributable to the City. I also agree and acknowledge that the City is not responsible for any intentional or reckless actions of the City's officials, employees, representatives, and agents since those actions are the sole conduct of the responsible individual(s). I further agree and acknowledge that this release of liability is full, complete, and comprehensive, and it covers all accidents, injuries, damages, or losses, known or unknown, and any and all costs related thereto arising out of or otherwise related to my child's participation or my own participation in programs or activities, and that this release is binding upon our heirs, successors, and assigns.

We certify that my child and/or myself has received a proper physical examination within the past year and that we are physically able to participate in all P&R activities. We understand that it is our obligation to timely inform P&R of any restrictions or limitations regarding our physical abilities. We also understand that it is our obligation to follow all regulations and rules set forth by P&R in the performance of the activities. We hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its officials, employees, representatives, and agents from any and all claims, settlements, and judgments, including all reasonable investigative fees, attorney's fees, and court costs for any injury, damage, or loss, which is due to or arises in whole or in part due to negligent, reckless, or intentional actions taken by my child or by myself.

Participant Name	Birthdate	Activity	Program #	Fee

*Please make checks payable to the City of West Des Moines*

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